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CAPTURE OF GENERAL KUO SING-LIN.

EXECUTION REPORT.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.
After General Kuo Sing-lin, who is one of Feng Yu-siang's principal supporters had offered to surrender if his life and property were guaranteed, he was captured by Chang Tso-lin's cavalry while fleeing disguised as a coolie. All Gen. Kuo's generals have now surrendered to Chang Tso-lin.

An unconfirmed report states that Kuo was brought in to Mukden and executed last night, and his wife also shot.

A section of Gen. Chang Hauch-lung's troops are reported to have entered Hsiniinfu.

In view of General Feng's entry into Tientsin, the Japanese War Office is considering the despatch of two battalions to that place.—*Reuter.*

TIENTSIN FALLS.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

A wireless message from Tientsin says General Li Ching-lin's desperate counter-attack on Marshal Feng Yu-siang's forces in the outskirts of Tientsin has failed, and Li Ching-lin's troops are now in full retreat.—*Reuter.*

Peking, Dec. 24.

After several days of heavy fighting, with thousands of casualties on both sides, Marshal Feng Yu-siang's troops entered Tientsin this morning. Chaos prevails in the native city of Tientsin, which the defeated troops are looting. Foreign Volunteers and troops are protecting the foreign settlement, the entrance to which is barricaded.—*Reuter.*

USE OF AERIAL BOMBS.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

Special correspondents at Mukden report that Hsiniinfu has been destroyed in an aerial bombardment. Simultaneously, Marshal Chang Tso-lin launched his counter-attack on the whole front, and has advanced within two miles of Hsiniinfu. The aerial attack continues.

The Japanese have warned Chang Tso-lin against destroying the Japanese consulate at Hsiniinfu.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER ACCOUNTS.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

A *Nichi Nichi* special message from Mukden reports that the City of Hsiniinfu was partly destroyed by aerial bombardment yesterday afternoon, whilst, simultaneously, Chang Tso-lin launched a general counter-attack along the whole front, resulting in the right wing advancing to within two miles of Hsiniinfu, and the centre, under Chang's son, recapturing Chulihuo. The Mukden forces are continuing their aerial attacks at various points.

An *Asahi* special report from Mukden reports similarly, and adds that the Japanese have warned Chang's troops against destroying the Hsiniinfu Consulate. The Mukden forces flank attack caused Kuo to retreat without having a prepared position in the rear.

The *Nichi Nichi* attributes Kuo's defeat to three factors; the lack of proper fire control resulting in an ammunition shortage, the Mukden forces' flank attack, and Wu Chung Chen's skilful cavalry handling.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

A *Kokusai* message from Mukden says that owing to Wu Chun Seng capturing a quantity of munitions when he took Paikpu yesterday, and, as Kuo's lines of communications are reported to have been cut, the Fengtien troops anticipate the complete collapse of Kuo's army shortly though there is no doubt that a desperate attempt to retrieve the losses will be made.

It is reported that the Fengtien troops have captured twelve field

"FRATERNITY PARTY."

DEPARTS FOR CANTON.

The "Fraternity party" of Chinese merchants from Hongkong left for Canton by the s.s. Paul Beau this morning. In all, there were 274 members in the party, which is headed by Mr. Wong Kwel-hi and Mr. Lui Yan-suen. The visit is being made in connection with the negotiations for a settlement of the strike and boycott.

A big programme of events has been arranged in Canton for the visiting party. To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, the party is due to call on the Strike Union officials, at 1 o'clock respects will be paid to the officials of the Government, and at 4 p.m. the representatives of the four commercial unions will receive the visitors at the General Chamber of Commerce. On Monday, a reception will be given by the Merchants' Unions, whilst on Tuesday the Strike Union will entertain the party.

KOWLOON ACCIDENT.

PORTUGUESE LADY INJURED.

Mrs. da Roza, the mother of Mr. C. A. da Roza, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon while going along in a ricksha, in Kowloon. It appears that in turning into Ashley Road the ricksha coolie swerved too sharply, with the result that the vehicle turned over, throwing Mrs. da Roza heavily into the gutter.

Mrs. da Roza sustained somewhat serious injuries to her face and arms, and was taken to her home, where her condition is reported to be slightly better this morning.

APPEAL TO JAPANESE CONSUL.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

The War Office reports that some of General Kuo's officers visited the Japanese Consul General at Hsiniinfu on the 22nd, requesting him to mediate between the rival commanders for a peaceful solution. It was explained to the Consul that the request was made without General Kuo's approval, but they were prepared to sacrifice everything for reconciliation, provided a guarantee were given. The Consul General, Mr. Yoshida, discussed the proposition with the Chief of the Civil Administration at Mukden till late on Wednesday night.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

A *Kokusai* message from Mukden says General Kuo was captured by Fengtien cavalry while fleeing in the disguise of a coolie to Liaoyang on Thursday afternoon.

The Japanese War Office is prepared to send two battalions to Tientsin, in view of the new situation, but at present this has not been decided on.

The Imperial Diet is convened for this morning for preliminary business and again meets to-morrow.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated that even though Chang Tso-lin is apparently victorious he will not be permitted to re-enter Mukden until all possibility of attack by the National forces is past. The Foreign Office feels that the situation is still unsettled. The Japanese have permitted Kuo Sung-lin's forces to occupy Newchwang and Chinchow, owing to the absence of Chang's troops. There is no danger of fighting.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN CONGRESS.

TO CONSIDER BRITISH BOYCOTT.

Conference With Communists.

Cawnpore, Dec. 24.

The Indian National Congress on Dec. 26th will be presided over by the poetess Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, who was given an ovation by crowds on arrival from Bombay.

The Majority of the crowd wore mill-made clothes and there was evidence of *Khaddar*, or hand-woven cloth, for the spread of which Mr. Gandhi is labouring, although all the leaders appeared in hand-woven clothes in accordance with the Congress rules.

The motions to be submitted to Congress include proposals for Swaraj outside the British Empire, the boycott of British goods, and the dissolution of the Swarajist party in order that the Congress itself might carry out the programme of the Council on more approved lines. It is considered doubtful whether the motions advocating complete independence and boycott of British goods will find much support. Meanwhile Mr. Jayakar, a Bombay Swarajist, and Mr. Kelkar, the leader of the Maharashtra Swarajists, are arriving with numerous followers to do battle with Pandit Motilal Nehru for a change of the Swarajist programme from obstruction to responsive co-operation.

A special feature will be a conference with the Indian Communists.—*Reuter.*

ENEMY SHIPS.

HAGUE CONVENTION OBSOLETE.

London, Dec. 24.

"As its purpose appears wholly to have failed," Convention Six of the Hague, adopted on October 18th, 1907, relative to the status of enemy merchantmen on the outbreak of hostilities, has been denounced by the British Government in a despatch to His Majesty's representatives abroad, signed by Sir Austen Chamberlain on Dec. 18th, 1925.

The despatch says the object of the Convention was to introduce uniformity of practice into the treatment by belligerent states of enemy merchantmen in foreign ports on the outbreak of war, which were appropriated by the government concerned, which was difficult to reconcile with the attitude of the Powers at the Hague in 1907, and with the provisions of the Convention. Owing to a decision by the Privy Council, the British Government is debarred from adopting a similar practice.

The despatch concludes by pointing out that of the Powers signatory to the Convention, seventeen have failed to ratify it. Germany and Russia ratified it with important reservations. The United States has not signed it at all.—*Reuter.*

TURKEY'S FOLLY.

RUSSIAN DOMINANCE PREDICTED.

Paris, Dec. 24.

The *Petit Journal* considers that Turkey, by concluding the recent pact with Russia, has been imprudent, for it is very unlikely that she will not be absorbed by the Soviets. Reduced in her sole resources, and deprived of religious traditions, Turkey will shortly have but nominal independence.—*Havas.*

CHRISTMAS DAY.

ITS OBSERVANCE IN HONGKONG.

In spite of the Observatory's Christmas Day forecast of cloudy weather with some drizzle or mist, yesterday was quite fine and many people spent an enjoyable time in the open. The golfers' train to Fanling was well-filled and motor-cycle enthusiasts took advantage of the holiday to indulge in long trips.

The usual Christmas morning services were held at all the churches, special Christmas hymns and carols being sung. At the Cathedral collections were taken for the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools and Orphanages. The Patronal Festival is to be held to-morrow. At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon to-morrow evening an organ recital and carol service will be held.

It was "free" day in the Navy and Army, discipline being somewhat relaxed. The masts of all vessels of the Fleet were decorated with greenery, and the ward-rooms and various messes on board the ships were attractively decorated. An enjoyable time was spent by all.

Murray Barracks, Wellington Barracks and Whitefield Barracks were all centres of revelry and fun-making.

Generally speaking, the Colony spent its Christmas evening at home, family parties being the usual order.

DINNER DANCE.

The eve of Christmas was celebrated in a fittingly original manner at the King Edward Hotel, a largely-attended dinner-dance being brightened by the appearance of accomplished local artists, who gave excellent renderings of many well-known songs.

The dining rooms, round which the tables were arrayed with the object of leaving adequate room for all to dance comfortably, had been artistically decorated for the occasion, silken streamers of all colours running from a centre point to all parts of the room, and flags and bunting being used in other parts to heighten the colour effect.

The orchestra of the "Empress of Canada" provided excellent music and the terpsichoreans indulged themselves until an early hour.

The management had taken care to see that there could be no possible hitch and the whole affair went off splendidly.

A dinner-dance on somewhat similar lines is to be held on New Year's Eve.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

LONDON EXPERIENCES MUGGY SPELL.

London, Dec. 25.

Christmas Day opened in true old-time style, with snow and wintry conditions practically all over the country, but later a thaw set in, in the south, bringing back the damp mugginess now usually associated with the holiday.

Londoners mostly spent the day by the fireside, the streets being deserted, though there was a certain liveliness in the evening when the gala dances began at most of the big hotels.

Notwithstanding the cold, hardy swimmers competed in the usual event in the Serpentine. One of the participants was a septuagenarian who admitted the water was somewhat cold. Another veteran, aged seventy-eight, won the Hampstead Heath event in the pond at Hampstead.

The churches were crowded. Locarno as the herald of peace furnished the keynote of many sermons.—*Reuter.*

CHANG KAI-SHEK

SHORTLY RETURNING TO CANTON.

BIG PARADE.

With reference to the report that General Chang Kai-shek will return to Canton after his inspection of the troops stationed in the districts of Chao Chow, it now transpires that this inspection will include the forces at Wai Lo, Luk Fung, Hoi Fung, Sam Do Chuk, Ping Shan, Tam Shui and Waichow. At the latter place, a conference of the magistrates and military commanders will be convened for the purpose of putting the plan for the suppression of banditry on a systematic basis, the organization to be so arranged that it will include the co-operation of the people and be adapted to local conditions. It is said that the plan has been adopted by the districts of Chao Chow and Moy Yung, and is proving very effective. But it is realised that attention must also be paid to the construction of highways and roads and the improvement of waterways.

In connection with this plan, Tan Yan-kai has ordered the troops who have returned from active service in the south-west sector to be stationed in the Yung Yung, Lin Ping and Wo Ping districts of the Northern part of the East River sector. The troops stationed in these districts are under the command of Choy Kue-yow.

NEW ALLIANCE.

A report from Swatow states that Tse Chen, the representative of Chow Yan-yin, Tupan of Fukien, has successfully negotiated an alliance with Chang Kai-shek, which means that the *Yuet Kwan* will have to be disbanded or become roving bands of bandits. Mr. Tse Chen is said to have left for Fochow to report the success of his mission.

CANTON ARMY INSPECTION.

From Canton it is reported that besides the general meeting of the Kuomintang, to be held on New Year's day, when the election of the Executive officers will take place and other important matters be decided upon, there will be a grand inspection of the Army, composed of from 20,000 to 30,000 rank and file, by the Committee of Political Affairs. General Chu Pui-tok has been appointed Commander-in-Chief for this inspection. It is stated that General Chang Kai-shek will be present at the inspection and attend the deliberations of the meeting of the Kuomintang. It is said that the Government has despatched high officials to Sheklung to meet Gen. Chang on his victorious return to Canton, where elaborate preparations are being made for his welcome.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Another report states that the 2nd Army Corps having completed its reorganization, the various units have been reformed and renamed and are now stationed at various places in the North River sector, as follows:—The 1st Regiment at Lok Chang, 23rd Regiment at Shao Chow, 37th Regiment at Nam Hung, 4th Regiment at Chi Ling, 6th Regiment at Yan Fa, 5th Regiment and 1st Independent Battalion at Ma Bar, 9th Regiment to protect the Canton-Hankow Railway, and the 2nd Independent Battalion at Ping Shek. It is further stated that Russian advisors and drill instructors have been appointed to the 2nd and 3rd Army Corps.

Bulls and Innings

From the Office Butts.

The O. B. I. (*avec bisque*) is conferred upon the writer in the *Daily Press*, who, with incomprehensible aplomb and total disregard for personal safety, stated that our new Golf Champion, at the 35th hole "cleared the hill in North China. Keep your eyes with a nice putt."

These English customs are all right, but we are sorry for the Scotsman who bought tickets for the Theatre Royal to-night, naturally thinking there would be good bouts on Boxing Day.

It'll be acts or axe if things don't brighten up soon.

Still, looking at it from another angle, mud thrown is ground lost.

Constant Reader: Yes, pedestrians have a perfect right to walk in the middle of the road. For that matter, there is no specific provision in law against walking off a roof.

We don't mind energetic youths careering around Lugard Road before daylight, but this habit of pushing an obstinate piece of mechanism up and down in front of the Peak Hotel should really be discouraged.

Recent market prices show that tripe has fluctuated somewhat since 1914; frogs have jumped considerably; eggs are strong; while cuttle fish have hardened somewhat.

Golfers will be glad to know that there was not any appreciable wearing of the green as a result of the Ireland v. Douglas match.

Of course Shanghai is more popular than Hongkong. Look at the divorces you can get there.

They got some sticky jobs in the Army. Command Orders state that a Board of Officers is to assemble to examine and report upon 760 lbs. of marmalade.

A bloke would sink 'Ongkong was the Norf Pole wiv all this ore Shatin abart a bit uv frost.

Some of the furs sold by these street hawkers are really a species of vermine.

There are many residents of Hongkong to-day suffering from goose flesh.

There is a distinct bias in favour of routing out these pirates.

A new Director of Education is never popular at the start. He is either not well known enough, or is known altogether too well.

When a Hongkong man dies nowadays, he doesn't care where he goes. He's perfectly used to it.

We found a man quietly sobbing on the Ferry last night. He must have been drinking sympathetic gin.

A cynical K. R. A. member remarks that Kowloon has always had its waits.

It is not quite correct to describe Wednesday night's main contest as a Morris dance.

A magistrate has fined a P.W.D. man for speeding. We ask you; isn't that a fine way to encourage a Civil Servant?

The Peak dweller who grumbled because he couldn't get home to tiffin when the Peak tram failed, would love to have the same excuse at night.

We know a man who succeeded in getting two suits from his tailor—a dress suit, and a law-suit.

The way some people dance, they certainly could do with a refresher.

Judging from America's latest prohibition figures, the most hazardous post seems to be the post mortem.

A titanotherid has been found in North China. Keep your eyes a titanotherid is merely a perissodactyl update.

Civil war is one of China's luxuries that doesn't ever look like being taxed.

What about training some of these Fanling hounds as caddies?

There isn't even a Mosul of comfort for the poor Turkey this Christmas.

"Raise up your solar plexus," exhorted Mrs. Diana Watts. But we would be much more inclined to know how to raise our salaries.

There is no truth in the rumour that there was a public holiday declared in Belfast on learning that Ireland had won the golf championship.

This month's recipe: Mandate Stew.—Take two handfuls of Mesopotamian dates, a cup of cold water, and well mix with sufficient Russian flour to make a stiff paste. Add a handful of Mosul raisins, some more water, and stir slowly; then gradually bring to a boil, throwing in portions of Turkey or cooked goose, according to taste. Serve hot.

The only thing you can easily borrow in Hongkong is trouble.

Having to change your mind by telegram is expensive.

Zero is a moving picture of a mummy.

It's hard to pick out friends who are solvent these days.

This report of frost at Shatin reminds us that a newcomer says he finds it quite cold in some places on the Peak.

Mrs. Diana Watts forgot to tell us that the most perfect balance is a credit one.

Last Sunday's performance would suggest that local Scots are evidently better acquainted with water than was imagined.

The only low thing in the shops these days is thermometers.

We have a new disarmament problem on our hands, namely disarming popular suspicion.

Russia, we learn has a Commissioner for Minorities. His duties, we presume, are those of a coroner.

Judging from the latest Ulster news, we think the harp as a national emblem rather appropriate.

Some of our unsuccessful book-keepers might have done better had they mastered the principles of the Greek balance.

A man in this office can dash off a poem in ten minutes and think nothing of it. Neither do we.

They say faith will remove mountains, but this does not, of course, apply to Morrison Hill.

Ford says he didn't get rich until he was 40. But then he didn't live in Hongkong.

We are authorised to contradict the rumour that when the new electrical equipment arrives for the Peak Tram Power Station, the old boilers are to be donated to the Peak Hotel, as a token of warm appreciation and sympathy for the noble body of the great unwashed.



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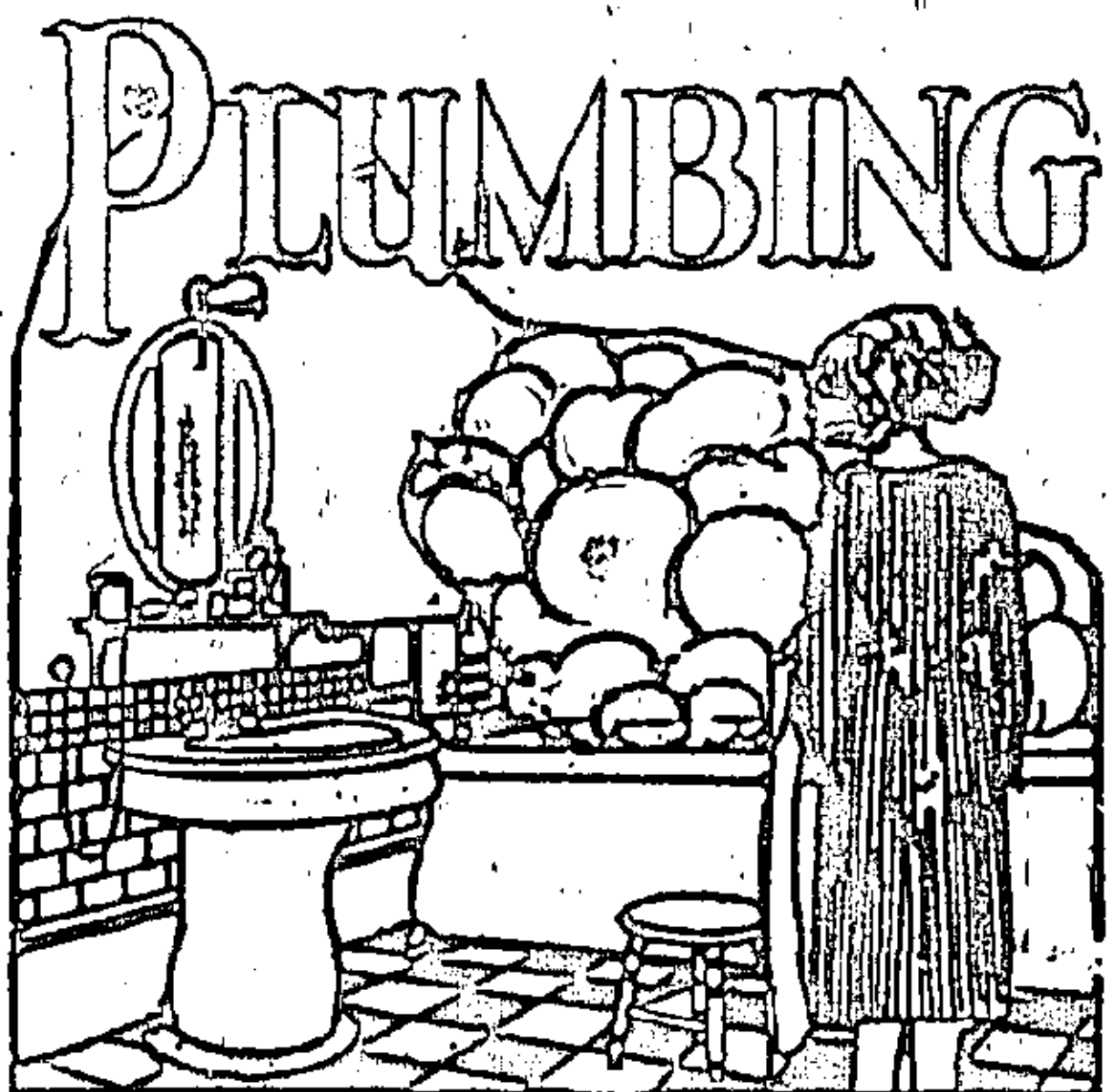
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HONGKONG STUDENTS.

UNIVERSITY MEN ON VISIT TO SHANGHAI.

Sport and Theatricals.

On Sunday next, the 27th, a party of 17 students of the Hong Kong University will leave for Shanghai by the Tenyo Maru. The party is despatched under the auspices of the University Union Society which it represents, and consist of a football team and a small party which is to give a private dramatic entertainment in Shanghai. Three or four football matches are to be played against teams of Shanghai students. One member of the party, Mr. Hong Sling, is to represent the Union Society in billiards.

The dramatic party is to perform Bernard Shaw's play "The Man of Destiny," which is being coached and produced by Professor John Smith, with costumes and scenery by Mr. R. R. Davies, to whose willing and generous help all concerned with the production owe most cordial thanks.

The object of the trip is, however, to establish more intimate relations between the Hongkong University Union and the University's Returned Students Union in Shanghai. With this aim some such undertaking as the present has been kept prominently in view for some time past, but until now has not proved practicable.

Hongkong University representatives also look forward to making the acquaintance of the students of Shanghai.

Benefactor's Munificence.

The idea of such a visit to Shanghai was suggested first by the then Secretary (now Chairman) of the H. K. U. S. in 1923. The committee of the Union Society was immediately enthusiastic, but lack of funds prevented the scheme being carried further, until this year. A month ago this year's chairman of the Union Society (Mr. Mar Char-zur) approached the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall with the object of raising the sum of \$2,000, the bulk of which should be spent on this undertaking. The subscription list, however, did not travel far. Sir Paul Chater handsomely subscribing the entire sum.

The party consists of the following members of the Hongkong University Union Society: Mr. Mar Char-zur, (chairman of the Union and manager of the party), Mr. N. P. Karanja (Hon. Secretary F. C.), Mr. R. Sung and Mr. W. Hong Sling, the latter two completing the dramatic party together with Mr. Mar Char-zur and Mr. Karanja.

The football team is composed of G. S. Scully (Captain), B. K. Jap (vice Captain), H. Braga, B. T. Khoo, S. P. Loh, H. C. Hung, T. W. Cheong, J. W. Barnes, A. P. Guterres, E. K. Lim, P. C. Lim, T. K. Tan and T. L. Tan.

The chairman of the Union Society has arranged for the accommodation of the students in the Universities or homes of students resident in Shanghai, or of members of the H. K. U. Returned Students' Union, who have also been approached in the matter of organising the general entertainment of the party.

JAPANESE DIET.

NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

The Diet will be convened tomorrow and will be formally opened by the Prince Regent on Saturday. The new Diet buildings, replacing those destroyed by fire on August 18, have just been completed by continuous night and day work.—*Reuter.*

BOUND AND GAGGED.

TWO WOMEN ROBBED AT SHAUKIWAN.

Robber Poses as Policeman.

A young married woman, Chen Sau-ming, living on the second floor of a house in Holycross Path, Shaukiwai, was robbed on Wednesday, when three men entered the house and decamped with jewellery to the extent of \$250.

The woman was sitting in her cubicle about 8.30 at night when she heard someone about. A little later three men entered, one saying he was a police officer and wanted to search her cubicle for opium. He produced a dagger while another man seized her and bound her hands. A gag was also placed in her mouth.

Similar treatment was meted out to another woman who was living on the same floor. The robber opened two boxes and after searching the house for half an hour, left with their booty.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

HULL'S KINDLY THOUGHT FOR HONGKONG.

His Excellency the Governor has received the following message from the City of Hull, England.—"Heartiest Christmas greetings and sincere wishes for a prosperous New Year, from the City of Hull.—Lord Mayor."

His Excellency has replied.—"Hongkong cordially reciprocates your good wishes for Christmas and New Year."

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s. s. President Wilson from San Francisco via ports December 24.—Mr. R. Bernhard, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Botelho, Miss M. S. Botelho, Mr. B. E. Coxon, Mr. J. L. Derrand, Mr. D. Dalgleish, Mr. Loo Hung Yon, Miss J. Masseboent, Mr. Yip Ka Nagara, Mr. Quin Kem Sun, Mr. Quin Yee Yick, Miss L. Roy, Mr. Sun Chung Hing, Mr. Sun Fong Hin, Miss L. Tesce, Mrs. Elizabeth Vilas, Mrs. Vera Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Katt Chiu, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell, Mrs. Charles Burke, Mr. J. W. Davis, Mr. J. Gaurier, Mr. Henry Honerich, Mr. Li Fung Kang, Mr. A. Macmillan, Lt. Frank S. Meccory, Bishop and Mrs. Chas. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Sildon O'Brien, Master Chas. F. O'Brien, Mrs. Alice Park, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parson, Mr. J. D. Ramani, Mr. Wang Peng Siao, Lt. and Mrs. Frank F. Webster, Miss Amy T. Webster.

DEPARTED.

Per s. s. President McKinley for Seattle via ports, December 23.—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. K. Takuma, Mrs. M. D. Bartholomew, Mrs. E. R. Bartholomew, Master Bill Bartholomew, Mr. Adam Brede, Mr. E. S. M. Stewart, Mr. D. O. Ralph, Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. A. W. Summers, Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mr. G. C. M. Smith, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. E. W. Foster, Mr. S. Thompson, Mr. L. Smith, Mr. W. P. Andrews, Mr. A. S. Hott, Mr. L. Noronha, Mr. D. O'Connor, Lieut. Gould, Mr. J. C. Easterbrook, Mr. R. Clancy, Mr. H. McKinney, Master Peter Neilson, Mrs. L. H. Garlington, Mr. Peccol, Mr. B. C. Smith, Mr. Montpelier, Mr. D. Goodman, Mr. O. B. Bompert, Mr. Chun Tong, Mr. Chan Shun Son, Mr. and Mrs. Woo Ching, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Rat Wan, Miss M. Woo, Mrs. Lam Woo, Miss Lam Sai Yan, Mrs. M. R. Bart, Mr. N. Georges, Dr. Ernest, Mr. N. Ng Chung Yuen, Mr. H. E. Storers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frisiani, Misses Frisiani, Mr. R. Edelstein, Mr. R. H. Sharp, Mr. W. O. White, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Sarah, Mr. H. Hirose, Mr. and Mrs. N. Kozumi, Mr. K. Kusano, Mr. Tom Lee, Mr. Gong Fook Yin, Mr. Ng Licp, Miss Louise Kayler, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hayes, Mr. Woo Yick.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT AT R. E. FUNCTION.

A much regretted accident, which fortunately was not attended with any really serious consequences, somewhat marred the R. E. Christmas Tree celebrations at Wellington Barracks, on Thursday.

It appears that a small aerial ropeway had been fixed up for the benefit of the children, consisting of a platform about 18 feet high, from which a wire ran down to the ground. Shortly after the proceedings had commenced, the daughter of Colonel Trevelyan, who is about 10 or 11 years of age, mounted the steps to the platform, and grasped the handles, preparatory to descending. She and only just set off, when she apparently released her grip and fell somewhat heavily to the ground. She sustained slight injuries to the head and side of her body, and was taken to the Peak Hotel, where her parents are staying, and where medical aid was called in.

PROPERTY SALE.

FIVE YAUMATI HOUSES FOR \$30,000.

Property situated in Yaumati was put up for sale at the China Auction Rooms on Thursday by order of the mortgagee, and was knocked down to Mr. Leung Kai-sung of 57 Bonham Strand East, for \$30,000. The lot put up was the Remaining Portion of Kowloon Lot 58 together with the buildings thereon formerly known as No 162, 164, 166, 168 and 170 Temple Street. This property is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 75 years from 1895, at an annual Crown Rent \$7.50. Its area is about 3562.5 square feet.

There were less than a dozen persons present when the first bid of \$30,000 was made, with advances of \$100 acceptable. No raise was registered and the property was knocked down as stated above.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

General Li Retreats.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
A wireless message from Tientsin, dated yesterday, states that General Li Ching-lin has again retreated almost to the city limits, where he desperately rallied his forces. He subsequently advanced towards Peitsang for about three miles.

Later.
A wireless message from Tientsin says that Li Ching-lin's defence has completely broken down. His forces have fled to the Chinese city, where there has been considerable looting.

Tientsin Central Station is in the hands of the Kuomintang. Li Ching-lin and his staff fled to the Japanese Concession, where extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent ingress of the defeated soldiers.

The British volunteers have been called out.—*Reuter.*

A wireless message from Tientsin received at 1.15 this afternoon states that Li Ching-lin's forces are in full retreat.—*Reuter.*

The engagement is announced in Shanghai of Miss Kathleen Gwyneth Thomas, daughter Mrs. H. J. Everall, to Claude Trenchard Davis, M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trenchard Davis.

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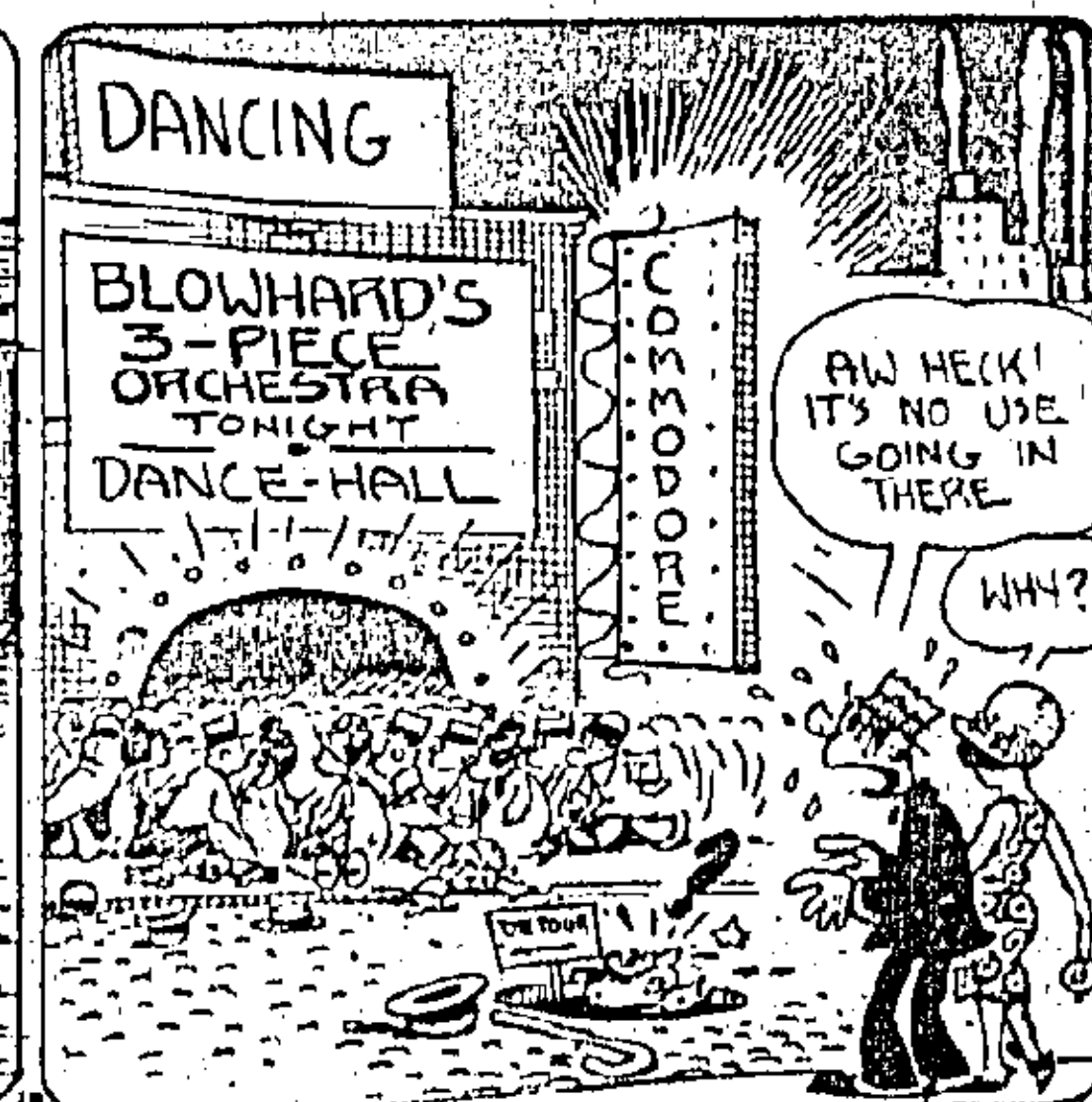
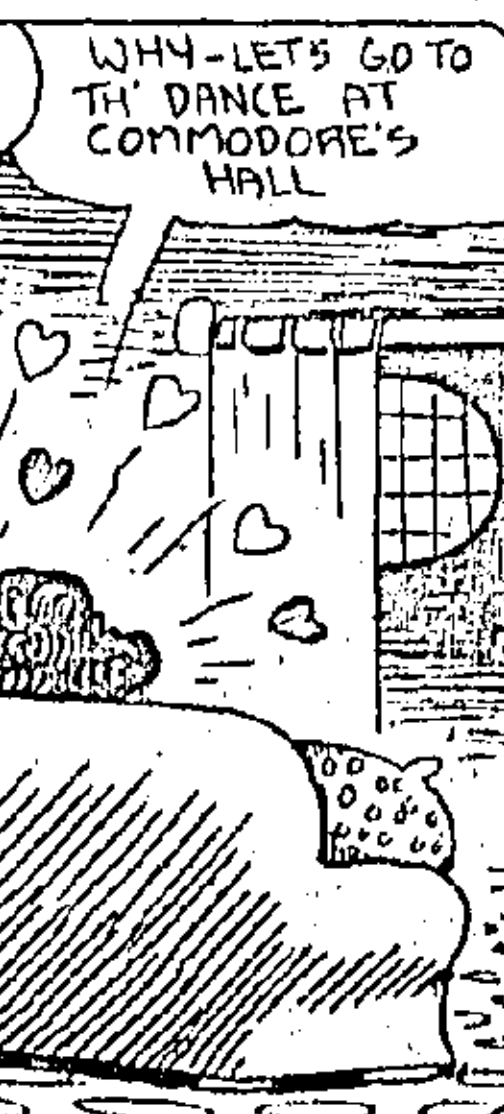
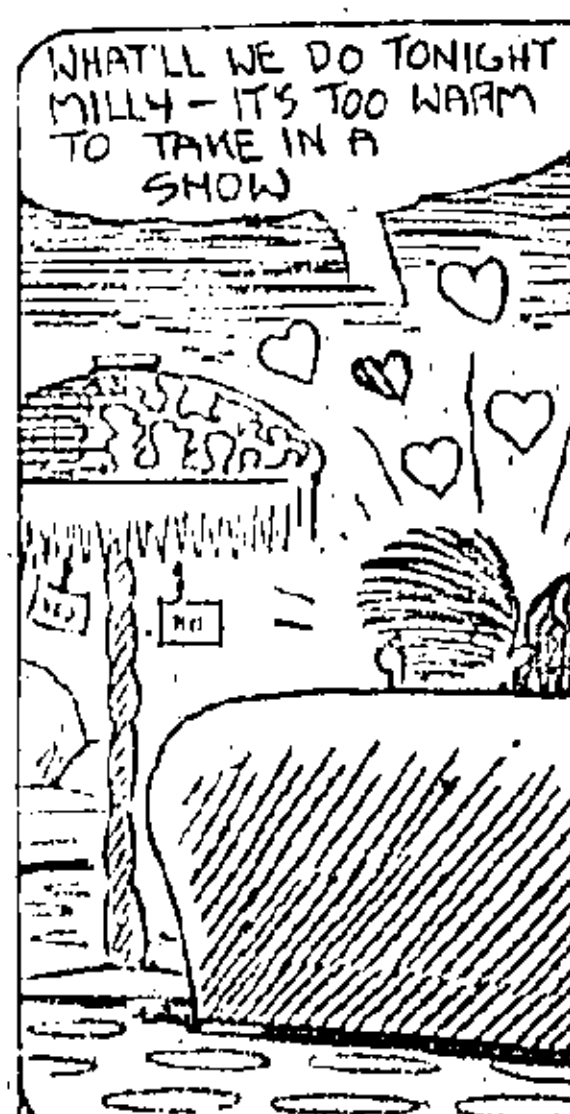
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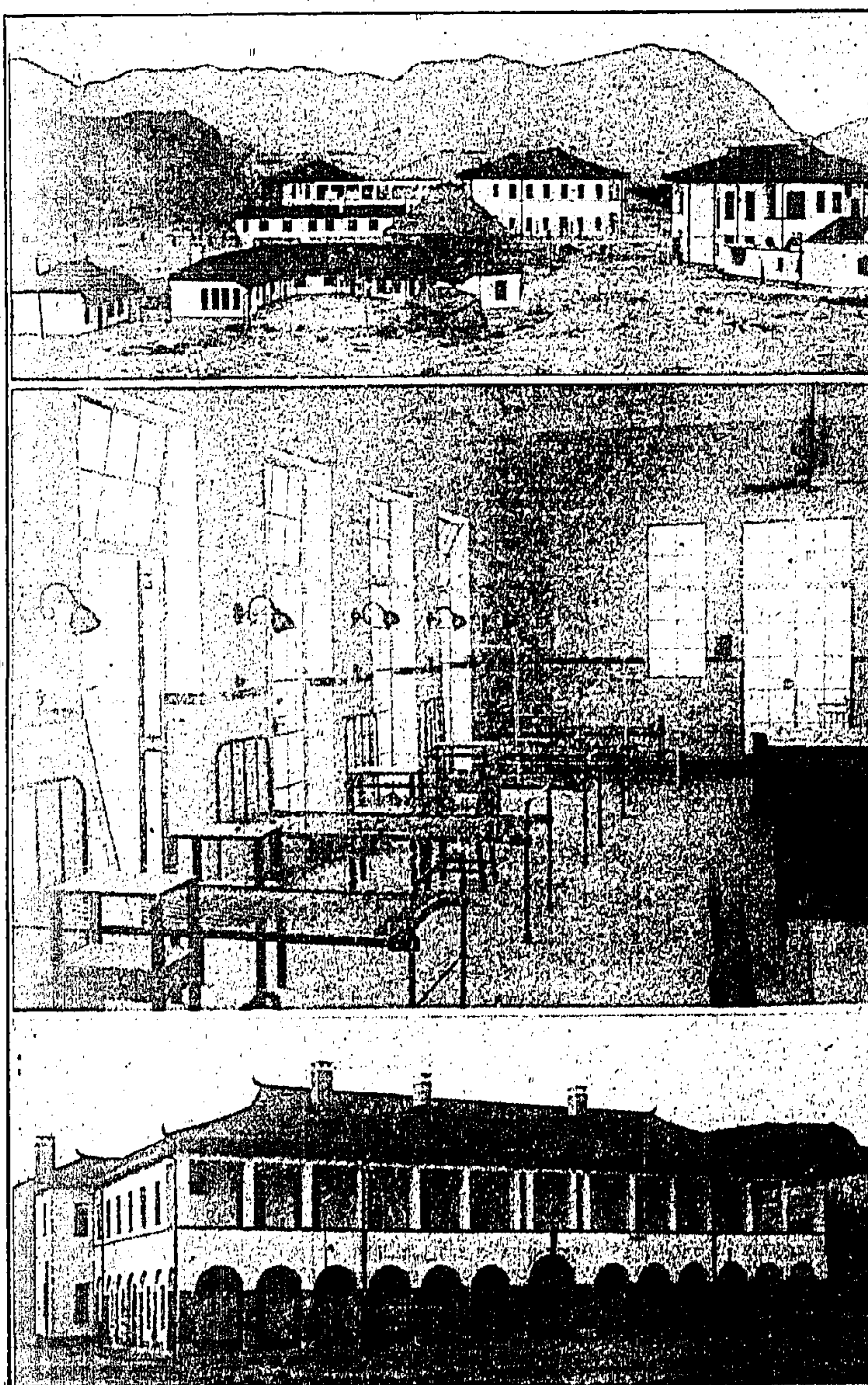
Group taken at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club after the sailing match between the St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies, the former winning. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Taken in Sandringham Church, this photo shows the lying-in-state of the late Queen Alexandra.

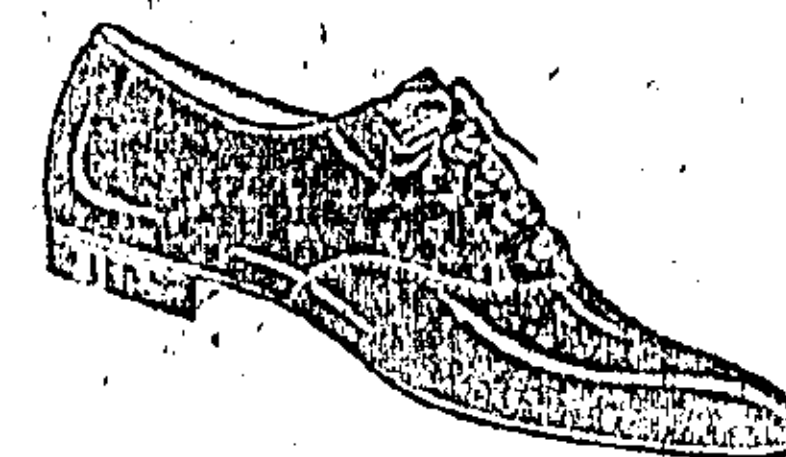


This happy snapshot, taken at Shanghai, shows a Chinese and a British baby snuggling together for greater warmth in the cold spell being experienced in the north.



The Kowloon Hospital was opened for the reception of patients on Monday last. Top picture shows the site and hospital buildings, the resident doctor's house being on the right. In central picture is seen one of the Asiatic wards. Bottom picture shows frontal view of the main building. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The FOURTH ORDINARY AN-
NUAL MEETING of Shareholders
in the above Company will be held
at the Company's Town Office, 2,
Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on
TUESDAY, 29th December, 1925,
at noon, for the purpose of pre-
sents the Report of the Direc-
tors and Statement of Accounts
to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from 14th to
the 29th December, 1925, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

NOTICE.

Table reservations for the
Carnival to be held at the
Repulse Bay Hotel
on
New Year's Eve
are now closed.

Reservations may now be made
for
A Special Dinner Dance
(8 p.m. to 12 midnight)
to be held on
New Year's Eve
at the
HONGKONG HOTEL.

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The Undersigned have received
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ing Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Din-
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Tables, Teak Medicine Chest,
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1 Indian Motorcycle and Side-
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On view from Monday, the 28th
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Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received
instructions from Messrs. Wing
Yue Tsung to sell by Public
Auction for account of Messrs.
Him Yuen Cheung Kee on

Wednesday, the 30th December
1925 at 11.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell St.,
200 New Tins 'FONG TSZE' Oil
(The Goods are now stored in
Messrs. Wing Yue Tsung's (Go-
down, No. 402, Des Voeux Rd., W.)

Terms:—As Customary

Messrs. LAMMERT

BROTHERS

Auctioneers

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagee

Messrs. Lammert Brothers
have received instructions to sell
by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY

The 30th day of December 1925
at 3.30 p.m. at their Sales Room,
Duddell Street, Victoria, Hong-
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The Steam Launch "WING FAT"
with all her Appurtenances and
Gear as she now lies off the Sam
Yick Godown Wharf, Mongkok.

Length.—about 71 feet.
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The Auctioneers,
Duddell Street.

Dated, Hongkong, 25th, Dec 1925

CHINA AUCTION
ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction

on MONDAY,

the 4th January, 1926, at 3 o'clock
in the afternoon, at the China
Auction Rooms, 4 Duddell Street,
Victoria, Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold
Property

situate at Victoria aforesaid and
being The Remaining portion of
Inland Lot No. 1556 and The Re-
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In One Lot.

The property comprises the
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or thereabouts. Further particu-
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Messrs. DEACONS,

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MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,
The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

BY ORDER OF THE
MORTGAGEE.PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS OF SALE

of the

Valuable Leasehold Properties
Situate at Victoria in the Colony
of Hongkong,

and known as

Section H of Inland Lot No. 151
and Section D of Inland
Lot No. 152A

Together with the messuages erec-
tions and buildings thereon
known as Nos. 9 and 11,

Prince's Terrace,
To Be Sold
In One Lot
by

PUBLIC AUCTION.

on TUESDAY,

the 12th day of January, 1926, at
3 o'clock p.m., at the China Au-
ction Rooms, Duddell Street, Vic-
toria, Hongkong,

by

Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA.

The properties consist of:—

All those pieces or parcels of
ground situate at Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong and registered
in the Land Office as Section H of
Inland Lot No. 151 and Section D
of Inland Lot No. 152A with the

messuages erections and buildings
thereon known as Nos. 9 and 11,
Prince's Terrace, Victoria, Hong-
kong. The properties are held for
the unexpired residues of the

respective terms of 924 years from
the 22nd day of January, 1919, and
999 years from the 25th day of

June, 1849, created by an Indenture
of Extension dated the 3rd day of
November, 1849, and made between
Her late Majesty Queen Victoria

of the one part and Abraham
Joseph Burley of the other part,
and by an Indenture of Crown
Lease dated the 1st day of Novem-
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late Majesty Queen Victoria of the
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Burley of the other part, respec-
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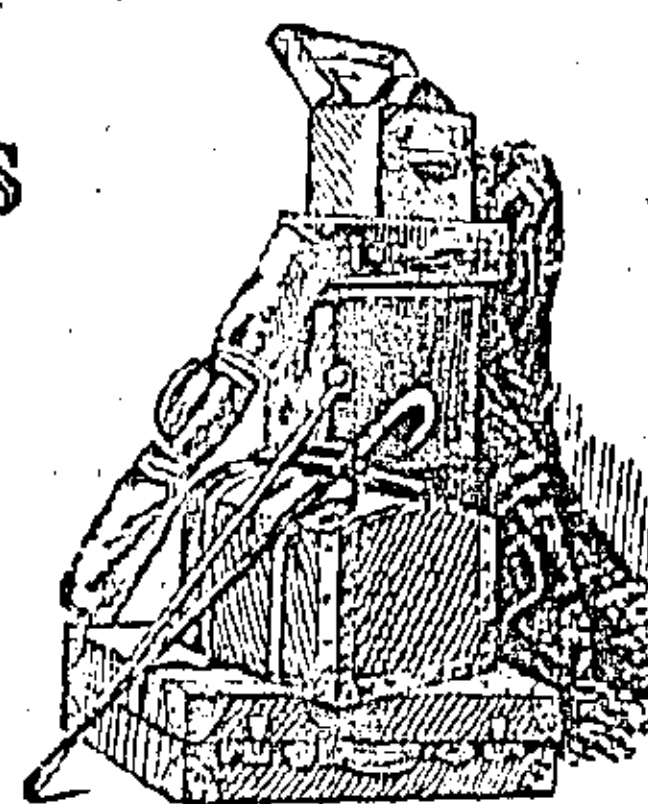
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[To the Editor of the Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Tuesday's Football Match.

Sir,—The comments in your
paper of the 23rd instant respect-
ing the South China v. Navy
soccer match last Tuesday, by
the contributor who writes under
the name "Wanderer," have been
brought to my notice and as they
impute or infer bad sportsman-
ship on my part, I feel constrained
to say a few words.

After the drawn game on
Saturday the 19th instant, it was
arranged a replay should take
place on Tuesday, the 22nd in-
stant at 4 p.m. At the time this
arrangement was made, I had
quite overlooked, a most im-
portant ceremony which I was
bound to attend at 5 p.m. on the
22nd instant and could not put
off. I did not remember this
until late on Saturday night,
when I saw our Secretary and
informed him of it. I explained
that I would have to keep my
appointment at 5 p.m. on Tues-
day, and that I could play were
the match to start at 3 p.m. but
would be unable to play any ex-
tra time in the event of the
match being a draw.

When Tuesday's match again
ended in a draw, in view of my
previous engagement and my no-
tice to our Secretary and of the
short time then left at my dis-
posal to dress and get to the ap-
pointed place, it was absolutely
impossible for me to continue for
the extra time which I then learnt
for the first time would be played.
I did not know what our Secretary
had arranged regarding the match,
but in view of the highly import-
ant nature of my engagement and
the notice given of it, I would
not stay to play any longer. I
was not actuated by any ulterior
motives or bad sportsmanship. I
simply had to leave in accordance
with a definite pre-arranged
appointment.

"Wanderer" apparently wrote
without knowing the facts, and
in view of my explanation, I am
sure, if he is the sportsman he
holds himself to be, he will
withdraw his insinuations.—
Yours, etc.

LEUNG YUK-TONG.

HONGKONG, DEC. 25th, 1925.

MOROCCO POSITION.

SEVERAL TRIBES
SURRENDERING.

Fez, Dec. 25.

The disintegration of the Rifan
block continues with increasing
rapidity. The whole Senadja tribe
has made a surrender and handed
over hostages and arms. The
Senadja tribe, which held the
Wergha Valley, was not only one
of the most important units, but the
occupation of its territory will give
the French great strategic ad-
vantages.

The tribe of Beni Oulid has also
surrendered. According to a mes-
sage from Wezzan the tribes at
Jebala and Ghomara have rebelled
against Abd el Krim, who has im-
prisoned or executed the principal
Caids appointed by him.—Havas.

SYRIAN REVOLT.

PREMATURE REPORT OF
TRUCE.

Paris, Dec. 24.

The Beirut report that a
Franco-Druse armistice had been
signed is untrue.—Reuter.

Paris, later.

It appears that the report of the
signature of the Franco-Druse
armistice is at least premature.
No confirmation has hitherto been
received at the Quai d'Orsay.—
Reuter.

[A previous message stated that
it was reported from Beirut that a
Franco-Druse armistice had been
signed, and that M. de Jouvenel
had released all political pri-
soners.]

Tokyo, December 12.—After he
had been terrorizing the com-
munity for more than a year,
Jurate Kato, an Osaka youth who
had a habit of slashing pretty
girls' faces with a razor, has been
imprisoned. His method was to
ride through the streets on a
bicycle, pass close to some girl
and slash her cheek as he sped
past. His victims, some of whom
have been badly scarred, number
around 80.

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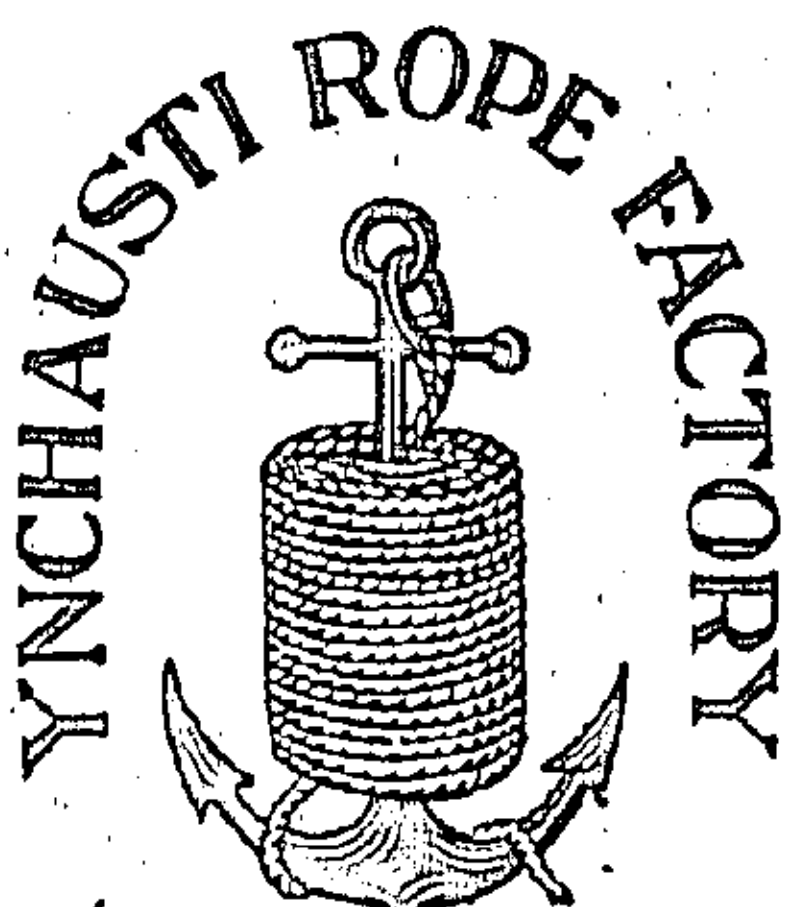
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"GOOSEY."

DYING DEVONSHIRE
FAIR.

"Us used to cook as many as 30 geese, and now we doesn't do nothing to it. It do be dying out. 'Tee pity, but there 'tee."

The old man spoke of his own town and his own fair, but the words are true of all such old customs throughout the country, says a *Times* contributor. Fairs, revels, amusements, that date from earliest times are no longer, as is said on all sides, "what they were." The spirit of modernity has crept into them and, with it, the elements of decay.

The West Country, once so prolific of fairs, is no exception. Lumbie Fair, Goosoberry Fair, Pearpie Fair, are forgotten or have simmered down into a sort of little array of booths and sideshows. Even the names are, in many cases, gone.

No one now remembers the old "Jan's Vair" and "Joan's Vair," of Tavistock, and, before long, "Goosey Vair," into which the two have long been merged, will also be forgotten. In past years droves of geese invaded the town on the second Tuesday in October, to be sold and slain in their hundreds for Joan's holiday the following day. Early in the morning, sheep and rough moorland cattle and shaggy ponies flocked down the steep hills into the town. Toll, which until 1738 went to swell the schoolmaster's purse, was paid at the gates, and the monks exacted a toll of their own, swearing every merry-maker not to curse or cheat, to lie or steal during the fair.

The civil authorities, sceptical even in those days, instituted special courts to deal with those who forgot their oaths. "Pic Powder," "Dustyfoot" was the name of these tribunals, which administered swift justice to dusty-footed pedlars, vagabonds, and other wanderers from town to town, from fair to fair, with no other possession in the land than the dust which covered their shoes.

Those were the days of open house, before there were inns enough to shelter all comers, and householders were warned against harbouring any stranger for more than one night, on pain of being held responsible for his acts. The hospitable monastery was filled to overflowing, and even those who were obliged to sleep in the open among the booths always had their full of ale and their share of the bird that was "too much for one and not enough for two."

THE HAND OF CHANGE.

All that is changed now. As roads and means of communication generally improved, other times and means for sale and purchase were found, and new forms of amusement became popular, drawing away from the old, simple fun class after class and filling the young people with an intolerant distaste for the amusements of their grandfathers.

At Goosey Vair goose is no longer eaten. No toll, material or spiritual, is demanded from the hundreds who pour into the town by charabanc, car, and train. Cattle are driven up to the market-place now and no longer tied to the churchyard wall, and the farmers are mostly wise men of the world, though here and there, like strangers from another country, stand little groups of gentlemen and shepherds from the heart of the moor—men with quaint hats, velvet breeches, and full-skirted coats of a bygone fashion; men whose hair is long and bushy, and whose brilliant, unaccustomed eyes survey the scene with a slightly quizzical, wholly detached air of interest.

The cheap-jacks draw large crowds, fickle as water, who will turn from one to other of these hope-mongers, seeking always some new thing.

A little farther up the street a Salvation Army band plays with a few yards of where Punch and Judy are attracting large crowds, among them a young farmer who, as the drama closes, remarks:—

"Wonderful what small things'll amuse little minds, bain't it?"

In another part of the town is the fair proper. Roundabouts, gondolas, flip-flaps, swings, chair-o-planes (shades of the monks!)—"all the fun o' the vair!"—keep up a blare of noise, and, as night falls, their lamps and fires make the whole fair-ground look like a miniature top-hat among the shadowed houses.

But on all sides are to be heard two comments:—

"Vair bain't what it used to be!"

BRITISH FILMS.

SUPER-HOLLYWOOD
PLANNED.

London, Nov. 3.—As part of a campaign to produce motion picture films in England to compete with American pictures the newly organized British National Pictures, Ltd., to-day announced plans to build studios, near London.

The chairman of the board of directors of the new company is Mr. George T. Eaton, a retired Australian cattle dealer. The managing director, Mr. J. D. Williams, is the only American connected with the company. All the other officials are British and the capital is entirely British. The company's productions will feature British stars and produce British plays.

Mr. Eaton announced that he is financing the company to the extent of £50,000 (almost \$250,000), which sum, he said, would assure the building of the first studio. Stock will be sold to the public later.

The company's plans include the purchase of 100 acres, on which eight studios are to be centralized for the use of independent producers, this being part of a scheme to encourage and assist British productions.

The studios are to be larger than those in Hollywood or any other of the American motion picture centres. Mr. Eaton said he expected the first studios to be completed within three months and the first picture to be finished within four or five months.

Speaking at a luncheon to-day, Mr. Williams said there was a tremendous demand, in the United States for English films, which could be made cheaper than in America. He said he hoped to distribute the company's films through 11,000 independent theatre proprietors in the United States, who are eager to show foreign films as drawing cards.

While the company itself will engage only English stars, other producers leasing its studios will be permitted to use foreign principals.

NEW LEHAR OPERETTA.

"PAGANINI" SCORES
TRIUMPH AT PREMIERE.

"Paganini" Franz Lehar's new operetta, scored a triumph at its premiere to-night and was enthusiastically hailed as having elevated the composer of "The Merry Widow" to the rank of master of grand opera.

"Paganini" is not grand opera in its entirety, for it contains the traditional Lehar waltzes and bright Lehar tunes—not without an occasional dull one. But the work offers more serious effort than Lehar has ever written and represents the climax of slowly deepening growth.

The hero of the score is the great violinist, who, fortunately for the illusion of the piece, does not have to play on the stage. The heroine is Princess Anna Elise of Lucca, sister of Napoleon, who falls in love with the violinist in the face of her brother's warning.

It is only when the fickle fiddler flirts with some one else that she agrees he ought to be arrested. But just as this is going to take place Paganini begins this famous "Witch Dance." Napoleon's emissary enters to lead him away, but the bewitched princess conducts her lover to safety.

This passage is skillfully arranged in that on a darkened stage Paganini's head alone is visible, surrounded by the ballet. The operetta ends with Paganini's departure for Paris, where he was to become the world's favourite, and the prince is left unhappily behind.

"Paganini" is Lehar's twenty-fifth operetta and to-night's premiere was in the nature of an ovation for him. He was called before the curtain repeatedly after the second act.

and "There didn't near so many people come now."

It is the same everywhere. In 20 years' time we shall probably look upon these remains of old jollity as being as out of date as are toll-gates and pillions. From the opposite angle, we shall feel for them all the incredulous wonder which must be experienced by the ghosts of the old monks whose unseemly sandalled feet patter silently among the merrymaking crowds at the relics of their old "Goosey" to-day.

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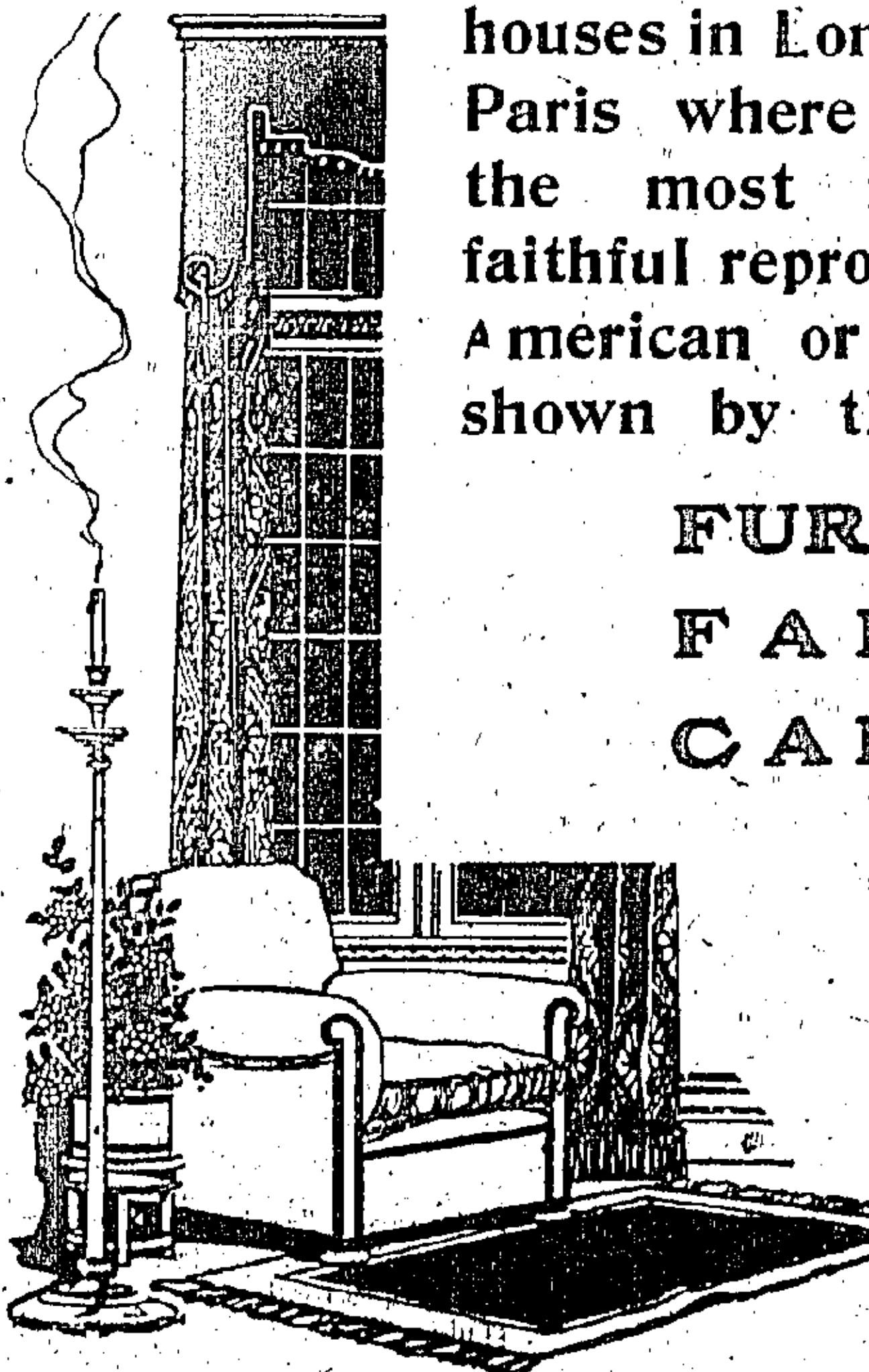
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To hook a loop aerial in an ordinary five-tube set, disconnect the primary and secondary of the first RFT transformer and shunt the loop across the variable condenser which originally tuned the RFT.

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Protect vacuum tubes by slipping a section of mailing tube over the glass. A hole can be cut in the side for a clear view of the filament.

"OLE BILL."

A RECOGNISED TYPE.

Captain Bairnsfather's revue at the New Oxford seems to have had rather a "bad Press"—a good deal less good Press than it should have on the whole. It deserves, writes Hubert Griffith in the *Daily Chronicle*.

Looked at from one point of view, there are ways in which "Carry On, Sergeant" might be improved. It had on the first night no professional slickness and quickness about it. It was a little under-rehearsed.

The real point, however, on which people will agree or disagree about the revue is: "Is Ole Bill dead? Has he survived the war or not?"

And to this I reply: that, though many people think otherwise, he is emphatically alive and kicking, and that Captain Bairnsfather has done very well indeed in resuscitating him.

"Is Ole Bill dead?" The question is absurd. Admitted that in the years of the war he stood for anything (as he certainly did), he cannot die. For Ole Bill was never a soldier. He fought the whole war through, and it was owing to him that the war was won; but the whole essence of him was that he was a civilian-turned-soldier. He was not the professional. And Captain Bairnsfather seized on this aspect of him, and immortalised it in many drawings.

BEFORE THE WAR.

He existed before the war; in the time of the war he went into the army and was drawn by Bairnsfather, and after the war he retreated into civilian life again, and resumed his professions of newsboy, scene shifter, publican, eccentric, or philosopher. In all these guises we see him at the New Oxford.

He is irrefragable as ever. His raciness, his cockney idiom, his outlook on life (cheerfully though profoundly opposed to all the inane stupidities of war, as he always was), has been more accurately caught than ever. I am glad to see him again among us. He is a true type, and worth ten thousand of the types usually seen in revue.

The outstanding characteristic of Ole Bill was his truth. He gained immediate popularity, not because he was a fantastic creation, but because he was something that a whole nation could see and recognise.

The drawings of the two wretched privates amid the mud and shells: "If you know a better ole, go to it": Ole Bill opining that the enormous shell hole torn in the roof of the barn "must have been made by rats": Ole Bill and the phrase "They say the first seven years will be the worst"—these things represented at one period of our history the feelings of a whole people. The future historian of the war will get a very fair idea of the war from two things; from the great Jagers howitzer at Hyde Park Corner, and from the philosophy of Ole Bill. Of course, he is not dead.

BATTLE OF SEXES.

LORD DARLING AND THE SHINGLE TEST.

"That the emancipation of woman has been accompanied by the progressive degeneration of man." This was the tempting subject of the debate over which Lord Darling presided at the University of London Union Society the other day.

Introducing the topic, he recalled that as a law student, 50 years ago, he took part in a debate at University College, following which Lord Coleridge, then Attorney-General, who presided, predicted that one day he would sit on the judges' bench.

Summing up the debate, in which no vote was taken, Lord Darling said the question had been very well argued on both sides by people who obviously did not believe in their own arguments. (Laughter.)

POPE'S DICTUM.

Alluding to an argument that women having cut their hair short men had so degenerated as to wear theirs long, he quoted from "The Rape of the Lock":

Great Jove suspends the golden beam in air.

And weighs the man's wits against the woman's hair.

He was not prepared to say as a result of the debate that, woman having risen, man had fallen, like two buckets in a well.

But it appeared to him certainly established that man and woman having now become equal to one another, one only wanted to turn to Eschylus to know that now that they were equal to one another, they were equal to anything. (Laughter.)

Miss Ethel Shand, the only woman student to support the motion, said the fact that women earned their own living nowadays had lessened men's sense of responsibility, making them grow lax, lazy and selfish.

Miss Baker (King's College) said it was merely "spectacular chivalry" for a man to offer a seat to a woman in a railway carriage. "Courtesy, if you like, but not chivalry," she added.

HUNTING AT 81.

VETERAN WHO HOLDS JUMP RECORD.

Hunting, even at 81, is the best sport in the world, according to Mr. Tom Smith, the famous Worcester trainer of jumpers, who a month ago began his 65th consecutive season with the Worcester Hounds.

At 81 he can take any jump that comes in his way, and, according to "Horse and Hound," has cleared the highest jump of any hunting man in the world. He is the only man who has ever ridden and cleared the deer park wall with its flat stone top at Croome Court, Earl Coventry's Worcestershire seat.

As a splendid survivor of the old school of riders has broken almost every bone in his body at one time or another, many of them twice.

As a trainer and rider of jumpers and tamer of refractory horses, he is known throughout the British Isles and in America.

TRAINED "SPRING BOK."

He was the trainer of Spring Bok, a few years ago one of the best jumpers living. Soon after Mr. Smith sold him he won the high jump at Olympia. Most of Earl Coventry's horses were schooled by Mr. Smith, who travelled all over the country to jump at agricultural shows and other meetings till he was 65.

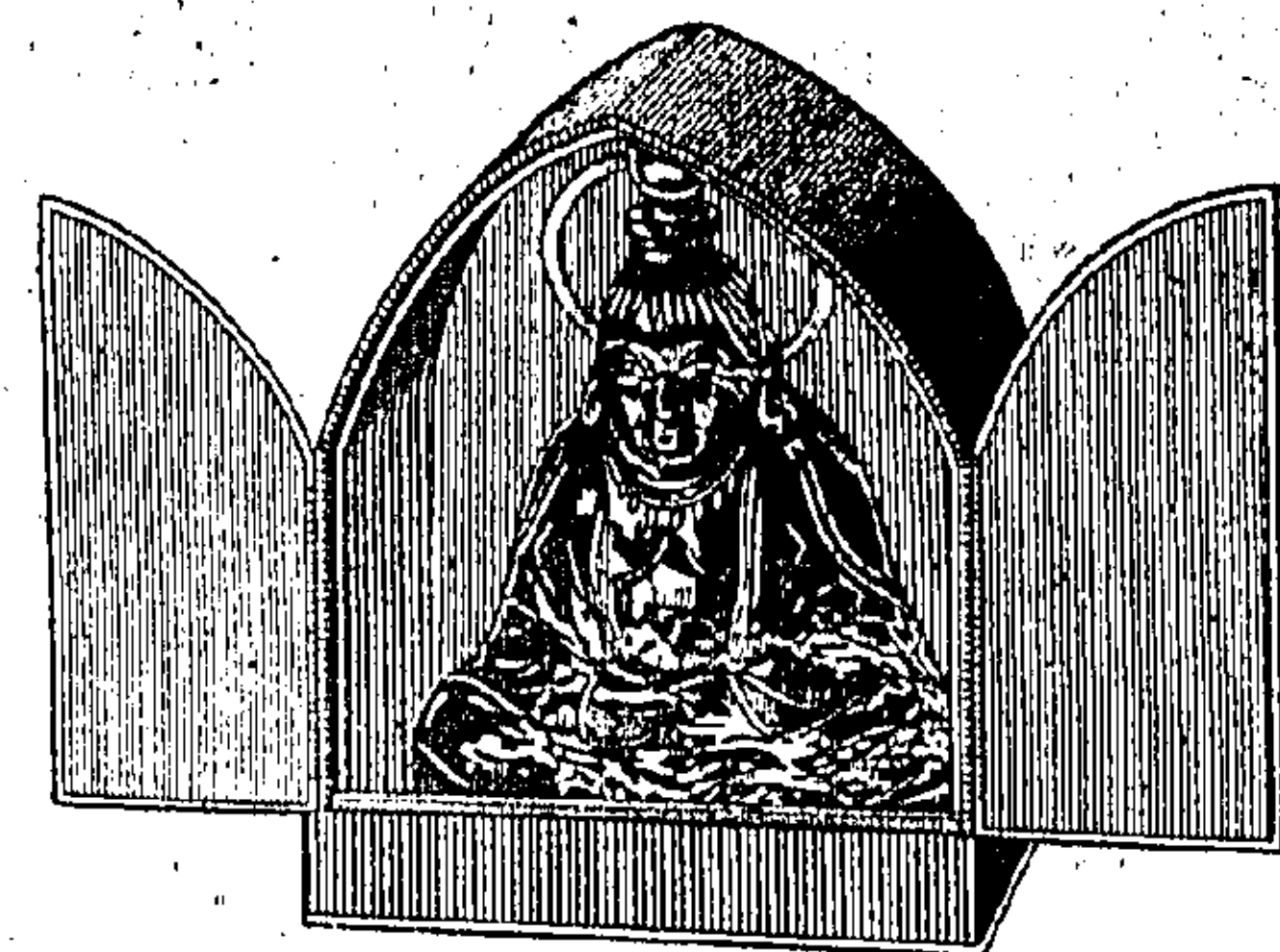
Some years ago he and his three sons were the leading spirits of a Worcestershire polo team, and he is just as well known as a driver of four-in-hands. Two of his most cherished prizes are long silver horns presented for driving skill.

Mr. Smith is still in business as horse dealer and trainer, and can be seen on most days riding unbroken colts through the busiest streets of Worcester.

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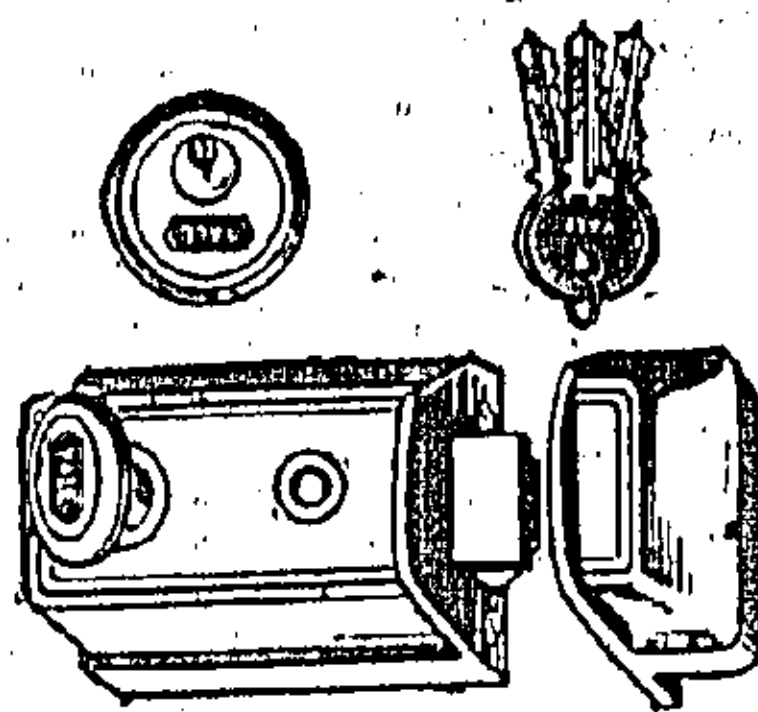
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PEACE HOPES.

As a rule there is not very much of absorbing interest in a retrospective recital immediately past events, and the King's Speech upon the prorogation of Parliament just before Christmas every year does not contain very much in the way of new ideas. It is but a customary summary of past happenings, but, this year, it is something very much more than that—it is the expression of a well-founded hope that a sure foundation has been laid whereon can rest the future peace of Europe, if not of the whole world. His Majesty's words were that he believed that the agreements made at Locarno and signed in London will prove not only the foundation of true peace between the peoples immediately concerned but the beginning of friendly co-operation which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole world. And since those agreements were signed there has been evident a very much more friendly tone between the formerly antagonistic nations of the old world. One reads of Franco-German commercial conferences, of Franco-Russian conferences, and of international athletic gatherings of a nature which would not have been a success even a few short months ago. The diplomatic atmosphere of Europe has been tremendously altered, and in the United States of America there is a growing opinion that America ought to join the World Court—which opinion represents quite a big advance. There is a general surge of goodwill which, if taken full advantage of, might well lead to disarmament conferences of great import. It is over seven years ago since the Armistice and, although those years have been marked by peace (excepting the minor wars with native peoples) there has never been an absence of rancour and distrust. But Locarno has cleared that away, seemingly, and it is peculiarly fitting that His Majesty the King, in proroguing Parliament for the Christmas recess, should emphasise the great opportunity which has arisen for the furtherance of the seasonal spirit of peace and goodwill. If the promise which these past few months of 1925 have given rise to is borne

out then the year might well stand out as a landmark in modern history.

And for us specially, as Britishers, the past few months have witnessed the arriving at an agreement between the Irish Free State and Ulster regarding the boundary between them, and not only has a threatened crisis been avoided but Ireland has gone a great step towards that eventual union which must, one day, inevitably come. The coming together of Sir James Craig and President Cosgrave during the direct negotiations in London which led up to the final agreement, must, in itself, have been an augury for future co-operation. His Majesty's hope for the future growth of friendliness will have found a very hearty echo throughout the Empire.

Civic Patriotism.

We notice from an American newspaper that what are known as Boosters' Clubs are gaining in popularity in all parts of the States. They have as their slogans, many of them, "Boost—don't knock," and the like. At the back of the movement there appears to be an idea that a man must never speak anything but good of his native town—he must blind his eyes to its faults, or, at least, he must never say anything about them. This praising of one's town is not a bad idea in the main, for civic patriotism is a fine thing. It has to be remembered, however, that often the highest form of civic patriotism lies in criticising your town for all you are worth. Faults do not drop out of existence if they are ignored, and the only way to make a city what it ought to be is by calling attention to its defects until they are remedied. It is in that spirit that we would like to see Press criticisms of local affairs, and of Government departments, regarded. Criticism is always beneficial provided it is inspired with a view to getting things bettered. What our American friends term "boosters" are good, and they often serve a purpose, but sometimes a good "knocker" is worth a lot more.

The Flower Show.

From the fact that a special meeting is to be held to consider the question, there would appear to be some difference of opinion amongst members of the Hongkong Horticultural Society as to whether or not the annual flower and vegetable show should be held in the early part of next year. One of the reasons which may have suggested the possibility of a cancellation of the function is probably to be found in the fact that amongst those who usually exhibit are some who at present are deprived of the services of their Chinese gardeners. Even should that be the case, it is sincerely to be hoped that an effort will be made by all local horticulturists to rally round the Society and make it possible to hold the annual show. There may be difficulties in the way, but these can surely be overcome. If the matter is approached in that spirit, there is no reason why the function should not be held and a thoroughly successful show be the result. We are afraid that in the past the work of this admirable organisation has been left in the hands of a few enthusiasts, with the result that the work is made all the harder. What we should like to see is more now members joining the Society, with a willingness to share in the work of organisation which the holding of a show entails. Occasionally, we hear complaints uttered to the effect that most things are run in Hongkong by small cliques. So far as the Horticultural Society is concerned, however, there is not the least desire that this should be so, for we know that the officials would be only too eager to welcome more helpers. The annual Flower Show is one of Hongkong's most attractive events, and it would be a thousand pities if it fell through owing to lack of enthusiasm. We therefore trust that there will be a full attendance of members at the forthcoming special meeting, and that there will be a sufficient display of interest to warrant the holding of the show.

DAY BY DAY.

LIFE IS MADE UP, NOT OF GREAT SACRIFICES OR DUTIES, BUT OF LITTLE THINGS, IN WHICH SMILES AND KINDNESSES AND SMALL OBLIGATIONS, GIVEN HABITUALLY, ARE WHAT WIN AND PRESERVE THE HEART AND SECURE COMFORT.—Sir Humphrey Dary.

The French flagship, Jules Michelet, was back at her buoy from Dook this morning.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. R. A. C. North to act as a Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

The order proclaiming Swatow to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevailed has been rescinded.

The annual Christmas Tree party of the Civil Service Cricket Club is to be held on the Club grounds this afternoon, weather permitting.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. R. R. Todd to act as an Assistant Land Officer, Northern District, New Territories.

It is notified that the names of the Enterprise Navigation Co., Ltd., and Rathsam and Watt, Ltd., have been struck off the Register.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed Saturday, the 2nd day of January, 1926, to be observed as a General Holiday.

It is notified that His Majesty the King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Joao Maria Da Rocha to act as Consul for the Republic of Costa Rica at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

At 9.30 this morning an accident occurred in the western district. A report to the traffic office states that near the Government Civil Hospital a goods motor ferry knocked down a Chinese, inflicting injuries to his arms and body. The man was taken to hospital.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CHRISTMAS DAY RESULTS.

London, December 25.
The following are the results of the principal football matches played to-day:

Division I.	
Arsenal	3 Notts C.
Birmingham	3 Tottenham
Blackburn	2 Everton
Bury	6 Manchester
Cardiff	3 West Brom-
	wich
Leeds U.	2 Burnley
Liverpool	6 Newcastle U.
Manchester U.	2 Bolton W.
Sheffield U.	2 Leicester
West Ham	5 Aston Villa
Division II.	
Blackpool	2 Chelsea
Bradford C.	1 Wednesday
Clapton	2 Southampton
Darlington	1 Hull City
Fulham	2 Middlesbrough
Notts F.	4 Barnsley
Oldham	1 Wolver-
	hampton
Port Vale	0 Derby
County	1 Portsmouth
Stockport	3 Portsmouth
Swansea	1 Stoke
Division III. (South).	
Bournemouth	2 Bristol R.
Brighton	6 Aldershot
Bristol C.	1 Southend
Exeter	4 Plymouth
Gillingham	1 Luton
Merthyr	1 Newport
Millwall	2 Brentford
Norwich C.	4 Crystal Palace
Q.P.H.	2 Charlton
Reading	2 Swindon
Watford	3 Northampton
Div. III (North).	
Accrington	4 Tranmere
Ashington	1 Barrow
Coventry	2 Crewe
Gainsborough	3 Bradford
Grimsby	1 Durham
Hartlepool	3 Wrexham
Lincoln C.	7 Wigan
Nelson	0 Chesterfield
Rotherham	3 Doncaster
Southport	

Scottish League.

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In the First Division, the match between Sunderland and Huddersfield was postponed, as was also the match between Walsall and Halifax in the Northern Section of the Third Division.
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BY TWISTED TALES.

Don't forget, my friends, that we are on the eve of Rat Week, and that it behoves every Briton who loves his home to leave no stone unturned (though I doubt whether rats live under stones) to reduce the number of vermin at present on our books. I don't know whether you saw the balance-sheet for Rat Week last year, but I quote it since it is both an illuminating and instructive document as showing what concerted effort can accomplish:—

Rats on register (as per last census)...	937,428,196
Number pursued...	295,027,332
Number slain...	188,430,225
Wounded (not expected to live)...	95,102,414
Balance of whole rats carried forward to 1925...	847,795,507
	2,369,883,472.



But excellent and encouraging as this result is, there remains a lot of slaughter still to do, and it is up to every man, ferret, terrier, and trap in the kingdom to do his *pro rata* share.

A rifleman practising on the Raynham range accidentally shot a cow. From this it seems pretty clear that the tune the old cow died of was "I ainta gonna Raynham no mo!"

POEMS ON PROMINENT PERSONAGES.

Mr. Winston Churchill.
"For this relief much thanks, good Chancellor!"
We cried, when you knocked sixpence off the tax
On incomes; and although we would 'twere more,
We're grateful for this tizzy you relax.
Yet I'd not care to stand up in your shoes,
(Nor even in those priceless hats you feign!)

The smart ladies of Paris are now wearing evening shoes with jewelled heels, and all I can find to say on the matter is a few words of admiration for the pluck of these fashionable Parisiennes. For assuredly in these days when street robbery is so popular a diversion among the lower classes a lady requires to be a positive Boadicea of valour to go about carrying her life in her feet, so to speak. It must be a harrowing experience to have one's heels burgled, and rather than run that risk, were I a smart and healthy Parisienne, I would seek some other means of displaying my riches, such, for example, as having all my front teeth crowned with radium. Not even the most desperate Apache would so far ignore the picturesque traditions of his profession as to force a lady's jaws with his jemmy and draw her fangs.

The cinema laboratory of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, I see, has just completed a series of films showing the drama of insect life; which reminds me that last August Professor Barmon Crumppett, F.Z.S., spent a considerable time endeavouring to film the life-history of the Margate flea.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

The Patronal Festival of St. John's Cathedral takes place tomorrow, Sunday, the 27th. inst., when special services will be held. This event is held on a Sunday only once in seven years, and it is therefore earnestly hoped that large congregations will be present. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. (at the Peak Church at 8.15 a.m.), Children's Service at 10 a.m., Matins and Sermon at

11 a.m., Holy Communion at noon, Evensong and Sermon at 6 p.m. At the latter service, the string band of H.M.S. Hawkins will play from 5.45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Carols will also be rendered. The congregation is asked to be seated for Evensong at 5.45 p.m.

I hear, however, that the Entomological Society have since awarded my old friend the Keating Tin Medal for his gallant but abortive attempt to throw light upon this popular pestilence that walketh in darkness.

THE POOR MAN'S LAMENT.

'On reading that the first week in November would see the annual exodus of the rich who winter in Egypt, No, not for me—shall Egypt's skies Give forth their radiant smiles; Nor yet for me her swarms of flies And shoals of crocodiles;



Nor shall I cull the luscious fruit Of fig or date or taro, Nor visit at the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amun quondam Pharaoh, Debarred by finance's dures From journeying afar, I can but formulate a guess What Egypt's beauties are. O lucky those who wealth have got! Woe's me so high starvation! A Nile elation is their lot, While mine's—annihilation! And so I faint must bide my time Until I've got the wealth To travel to that sunny clime Of hieroglyphs and health! O, may the Fates make few the days Ere Suez's fair isthmus Delights my rapt and eager gaze, And get me there by Christmusk!

NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

A lumboat woman of Melton Mowbray, aged 78, to-day celebrates her Golden Divorce. Charged with shooting rubbish without a licence, Jabez Murgle, a Huddersfield philatelist, successfully pleaded the Deceased Wife's Sister's Act. Upon suspicion of forging tram-tickets the Birmingham police have arrested a man with one leg named Blenkinsop. The name of his other leg is not known. Jilted in love, a macaroni calibrator of Soho threw himself on the Southport Railway line between Cantorbury and Dover. From the condition of the body on discovery, it is feared that the poor fellow died of starvation.

NEW CHILEAN PRESIDENT.

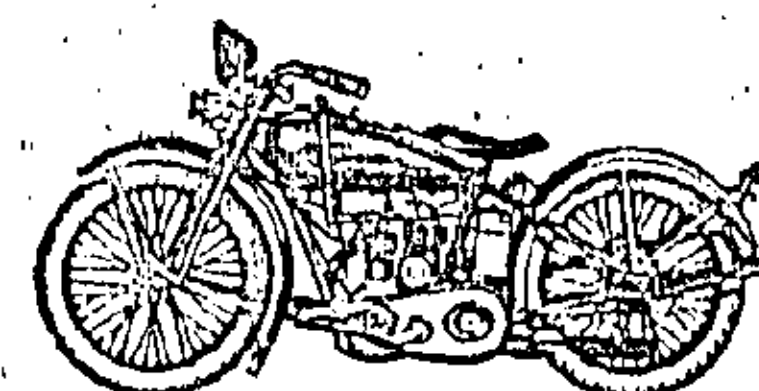
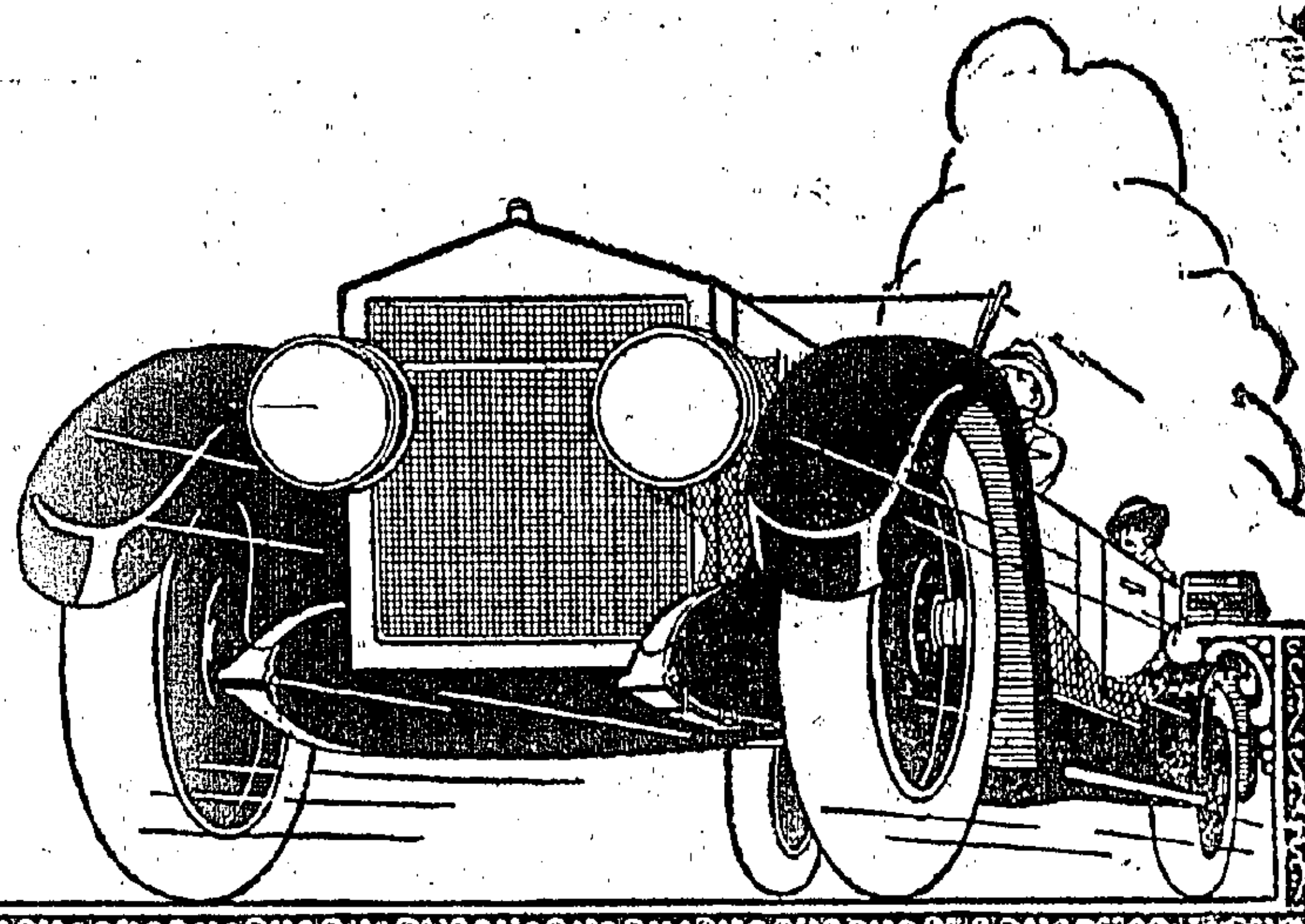
Santiago de Chile, Dec. 24. The Congress has appointed Senator Emiliano Figueroa to be President of the Republic of Chile. —Reuter's American Service.

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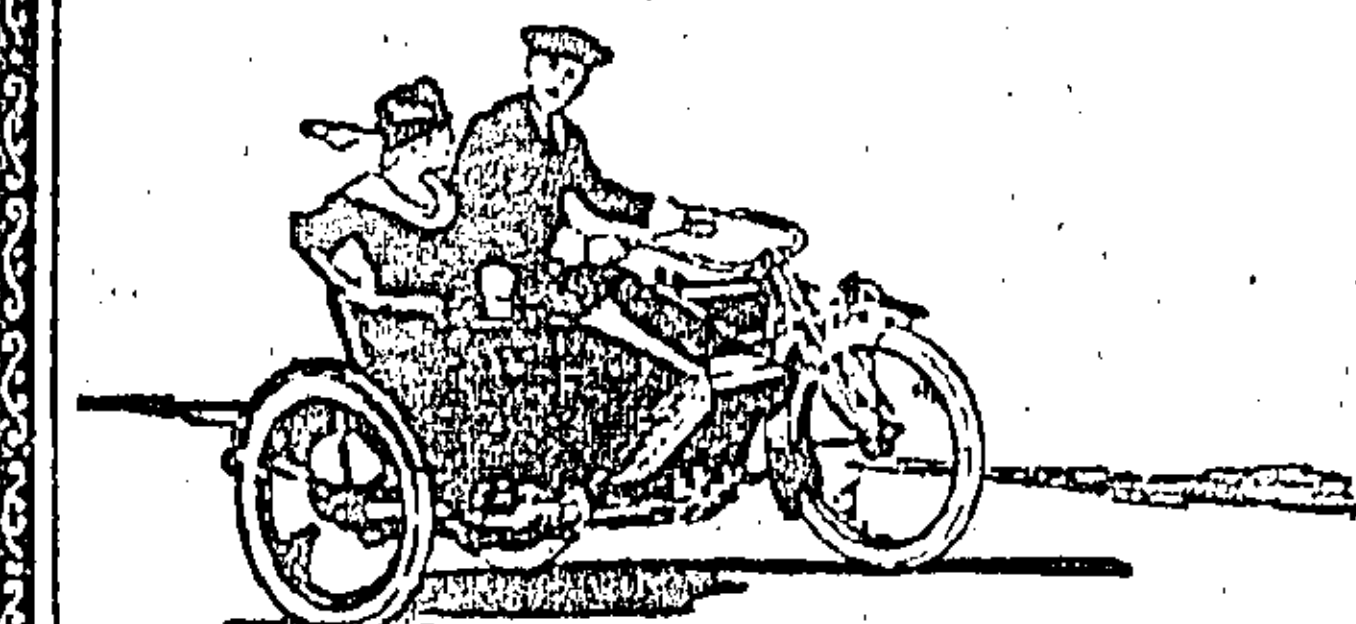
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SPEED TRAPS ILLEGAL.

The state legislature of California has passed a law which eliminates speed trap evidence as legal material, against traffic law violators. Speed cops now have to trail suspected drivers and time them.

TYRE LIFE LENGTHENED.

In 20 years the average running life of an automobile tyre has been increased from 2,500 miles to between 15,000 and 20,000 miles. The manufacturing process has also advanced to allow faster production.



CURRENT COMMENT

Seasonable Hints.

For the owner driver in Hongkong who looks after his machine himself, the cold weather brings with it one or two little problems. One is so used to starting up here in the warm air without any trouble that there is quite a lot of head shaking done when the engine doesn't pick up with the first few revolutions of the self-starter. Of course, there's always the choke control to help, but it's surprising, by reason of the fact that one never wants it in the summer, how easily one can forget to use it in the winter. In using the grease gun these cold days one finds that it takes an awful lot of pressure and quite some time to get the stiff grease into the spring bearings, and a useful trick is to mix the heavy cup grease with some old crankcase oil before filling the gun. If that is done, the task of greasing will be found a much easier and speedier one.

Exhilarating Driving.

There is obvious joy in the camp of motor owners relative to the re-opening of the Taiipo Road, for on Sunday last the winter of these notes noticed quite a number of golf enthusiasts using the road instead of the railway as they have been practically forced to do ever since the road was closed. The ride round the New Territories these bright cold days is indeed an exhilarating one, and to be able to use the Taiipo route once again is much appreciated.

Road Guidance.

In the matter of the suggestion that there should be a clear white line drawn in the middle of our principal motor roads where there is an acute corner so that drivers can be given a guide and also taught to keep well in to the left-hand side, a local motorist has suggested to us that the suggestion should be tried out on the Stubbs Road, if on any road at all. On the Caine Road-Glenelg corner there has been a white guidance line for a long time past and it has, unquestionably, instilled into drivers going round that bend the necessity for taking care and caution. On the Stubbs Road, there has been some corner improvements and widening carried out, and we are told that these improvements have, in some cases, resulted in adding danger because of the fact that drivers take those corners at a very much quicker pace than they do the more acute corners. The habit of encroaching over on to the middle or wrong side of the road has been encouraged rather

than, otherwise, and drivers should be made to learn that no matter whether a corner has been improved or not they should keep strictly to their own side. If white lines were painted on these Stubbs Road corners a driver would, instinctively, keep to his own side of those lines, whereas at the present time he dares to take the quickest and not necessarily the safest course. Hongkong's motor roads generally are sufficiently abounding in bad corners to warrant the Government painting white lines on them all. It is so much wiser to avoid accidents than to regret them.

Against Traffic.

In most modern cities, the practice of motor car drivers crossing the street in order to pull outside a building, head on to on-coming traffic, is strictly forbidden. The other day we witnessed an instance of this dangerous proceeding, when a large touring car travelling in an easterly direction along Des Voeux Road, suddenly swerved across the street in order to allow the occupants to alight at a certain store. At the same time, three tram cars were moving along the short space between the King Edward and Hongkong Hotel Corners, an unusually large number of motor cars were on the road, and several pedestrians were in the act of crossing the street. For a moment an accident appeared inevitable, but fortunately, the worst that happened was a momentary dislocation of traffic. Had this car proceeded to a suitable turning point, and then approached its stopping place from the left hand side, of the road, there would have been no risk of accident, nor would contrary traffic have been interfered with. Stricter regulations become necessary with the increasing traffic on our streets, and a definite ruling from our Traffic Department on this particular point would be welcome.

Valuable Memoranda.

From the Vacuum Oil Company, we have received a series of extremely interesting and instructive articles on various problems associated with lubricating. These take the form of helpful hints on every aspect of the lubricating question, and every car owner should avail himself of the opportunity of securing the series, which may be had upon application to the Company's local Office in King's Building.

START OF LONDON-CAPETOWN FLIGHT.



Mr. Alan J. Cobham being kissed by Mrs. Cobham at Croydon Aerodrome before starting on an aerial survey for Imperial Airways from London to Capetown.



I Guess I'll drive my car to work, says I to myself one day. So I crank the bus and I hope me in and I'm on my merry way. I sail along through traffic and I watch the corner cop, cause I have to slow my auto down when he swings his sign to "Stop."

It takes about a half an hour to get from home to town, an then another hour or so, 'tween stopping and 'slowin' down. I finally reach the city, and I've had my morning lark. But, shucks, I have to drive some more, 'cause there is no place to park.

For blocks and blocks I travel and the story's just the same. The parking task is awful, and I wonder who's to blame. I spot a place that's open and I push the gas a bit. I get there first, but find the spot's too small; my car won't fit.

At last I pick a closed garage, where they charge me 50 cents. The hunt I've had is tiresome and it wakes my better sense. The next time that I drive my bus, I'll try and use my dome. I'll dodge the parking horror—'cause I'll leave the dern car home.

A FEW FACTS.

England now has a registration of 433,000 cars.

There are 6,000 taxicabs and 4,000 buses in London.

America is expected to export 400,000 cars to 114 foreign countries.

Registration fee on a small American car in England is \$110.

Taxes add 20 per cent. to the cost of gasoline in France.

Some auto factories are producing 25,000 tyres a day.

More than 18,000 miles of new federal aid roads were built during the last fiscal year in the United States.

American motorists spend about \$200,000,000 a year for automobile accessories.

Some 45,000,000 tyres were consumed by the American motorists in 1923.

England took 17,000 cars from the United States and Canada in the first half of 1923.

SUNBEAM COMFORT SCORES.

In the recent Grand Prix d'Endurance, two "premiums" were donated, one by M. Gustave Baehr, for the car which covered the greatest distance during the first hour, and the second by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest for the car with the most comfortable body. Both these premiums, of 500 francs each, have been awarded to the 3-litre Sunbeam cars which competed. The award which the Sunbeam secured for having the most comfortable body is particularly interesting in view of the fact that the coachwork was of the standard type as supplied with the 8-litre car now in production by the Sunbeam Company.

THE OLYMPIA MOTOR CYCLE SHOW.

According to *The Motor Cycle* 235 firms exhibited at the Olympia Motor Cycle Show in London, which opened on September 21st. Of these firms about seventy were manufacturers of motor cycles.

100 MILES WITHIN THE HOUR.

One hundred miles within the hour has been accomplished and officially timed in Paris. The rider was C. F. Temple and the machine an O.E.C. Temple, fitted with a 1,000 c.c. British Anzani engine.—*The Motor Cycle*.

FOUR-STROKE ENGINES ON SMALL MACHINES.

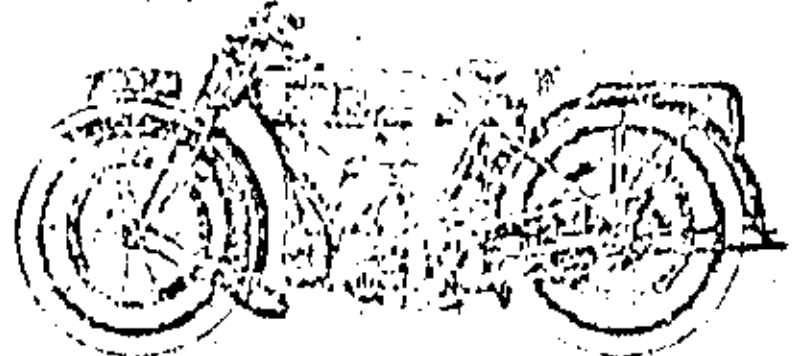
From *The Motor Cycle* we gather that at the recent Olympia Motor Cycle Show, London, there were quite a number of small machines fitted with 4-stroke engines of a size usually associated with power units of the 2-stroke type.

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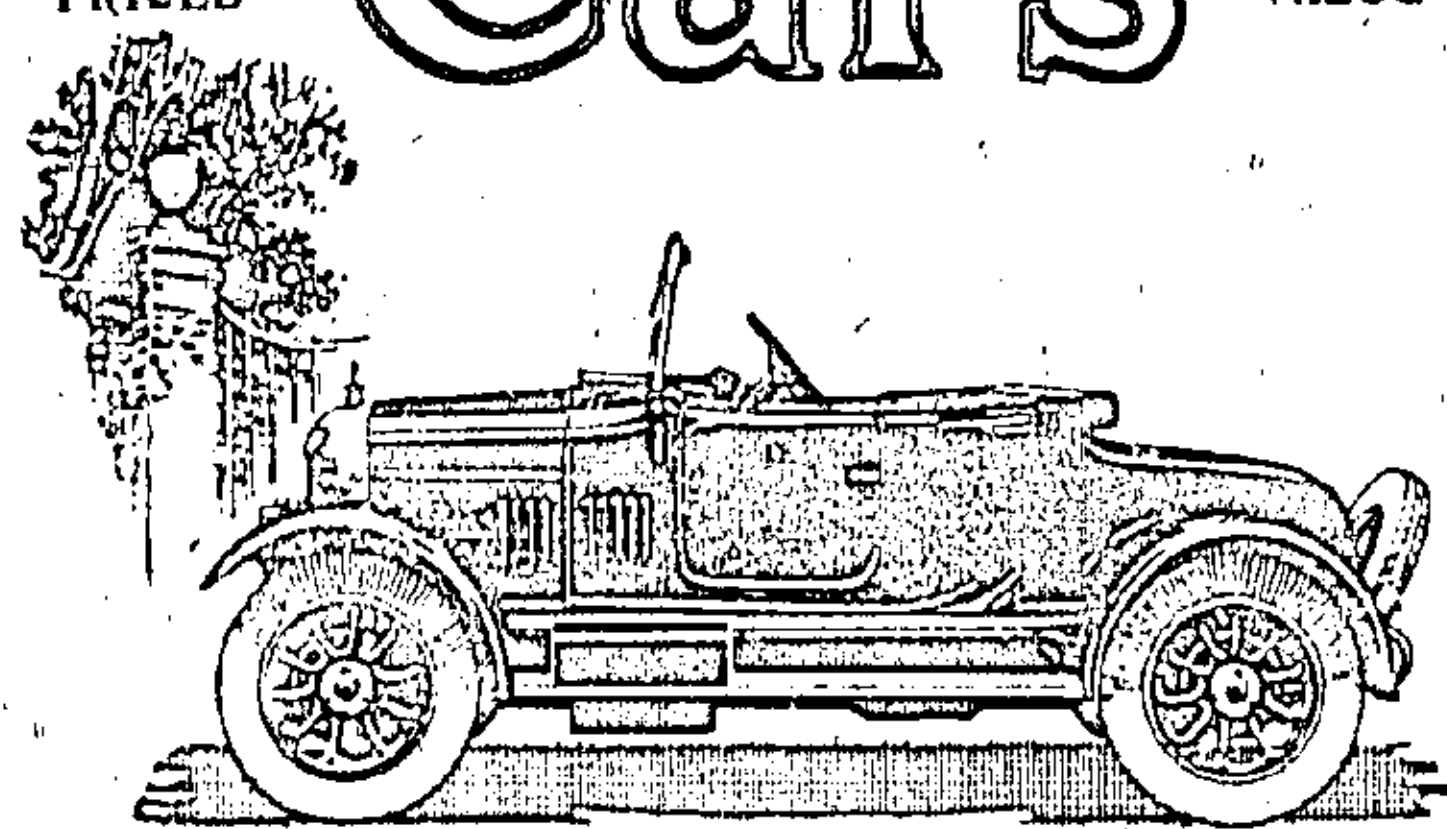


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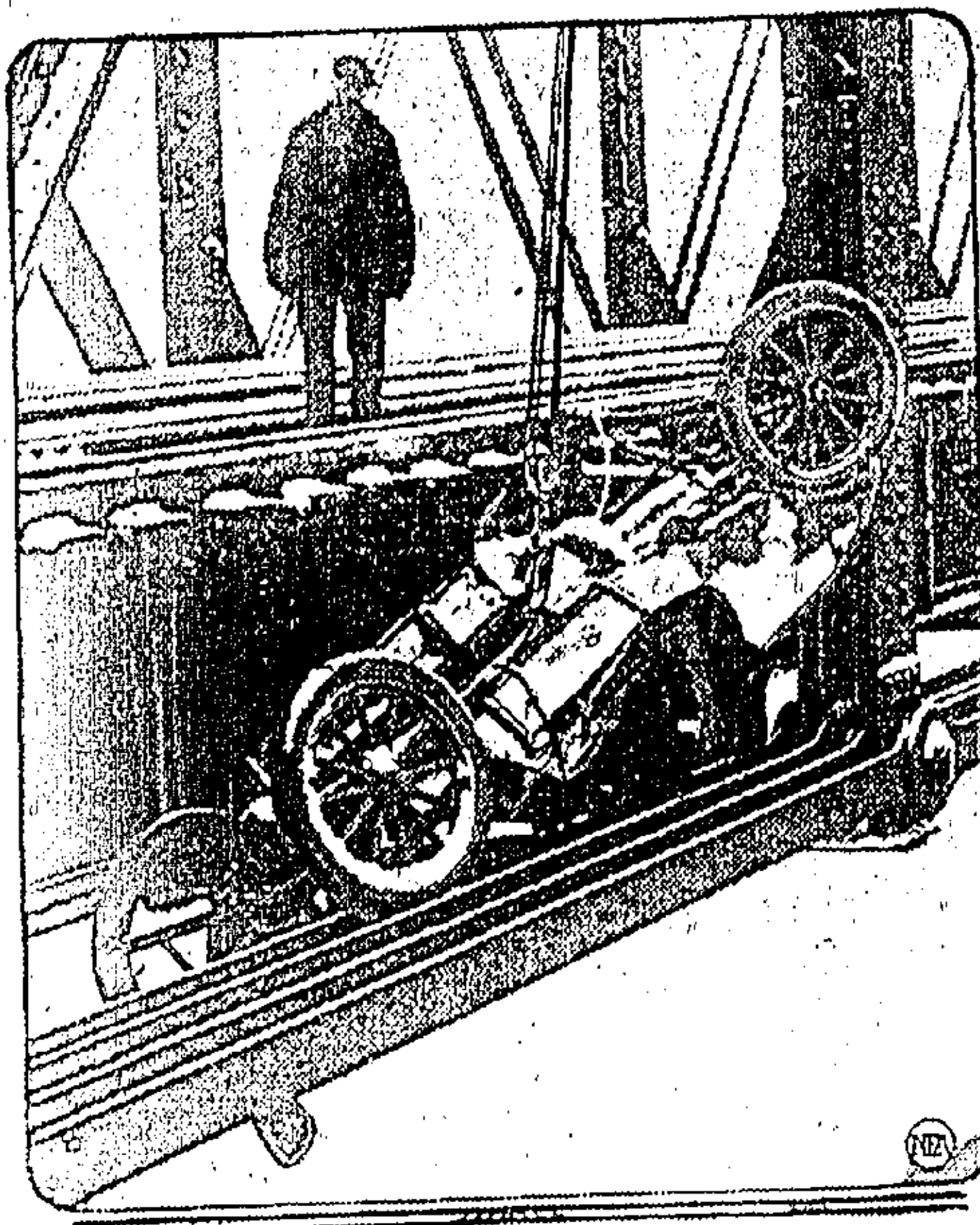
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FIVE MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE DEATH.



Although this automobile was hit broad-side by a goods engine and thrown from the flooring of a railroad bridge at Warren, Pa., to the steel girders at the side, all five occupants of the car escaped with but slight injuries. The top of the automobile was reduced to splinters.

AN OLD PROVERB IN A MODERN LIGHT.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good." Yes, and we might add that it's just that ill wind which has brought a considerable benefit to the yachting fraternity. Is it not the ill wind that has made the marine motor what it is to-day? An instance of the reliability and helpfulness of these wonderful little units of potted power occurred recently when a 40-ft. yacht sailed from Southampton to Havre. Once outside the shelter of Southampton Water this little vessel met the full fury of the gale, and sailing became impossible. Fortunately, however, her owner, who had just taken her over from the boat yard, had installed as an auxiliary motor an Ailsa Craig "Kid," made by the Ailsa Craig Motor Co., Ltd., of Chiswick, London. This motor ran for eighteen hours in the face of the gale, and brought the yacht safely to port. The "Kid" is quite a small engine of only 10-14 h.p.; this was its trial run and first voyage rolled into one. Could any owner fear an ill wind with such present help abroad?

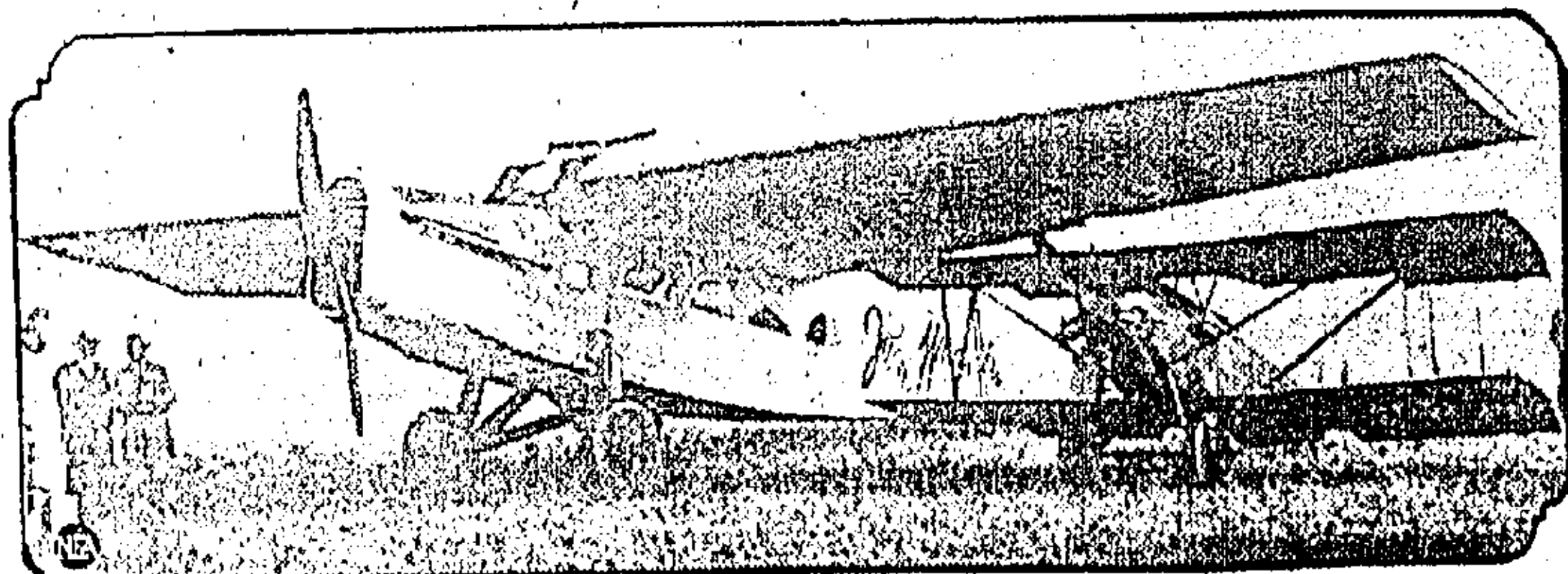
ENGLISH REQUIRED.

That the English language has become the universal commercial language is shown by the fact that Andre Citroen, chief French manufacturer of light automobiles, has decided that all of his department heads and others who hold responsible offices must have some knowledge of English.

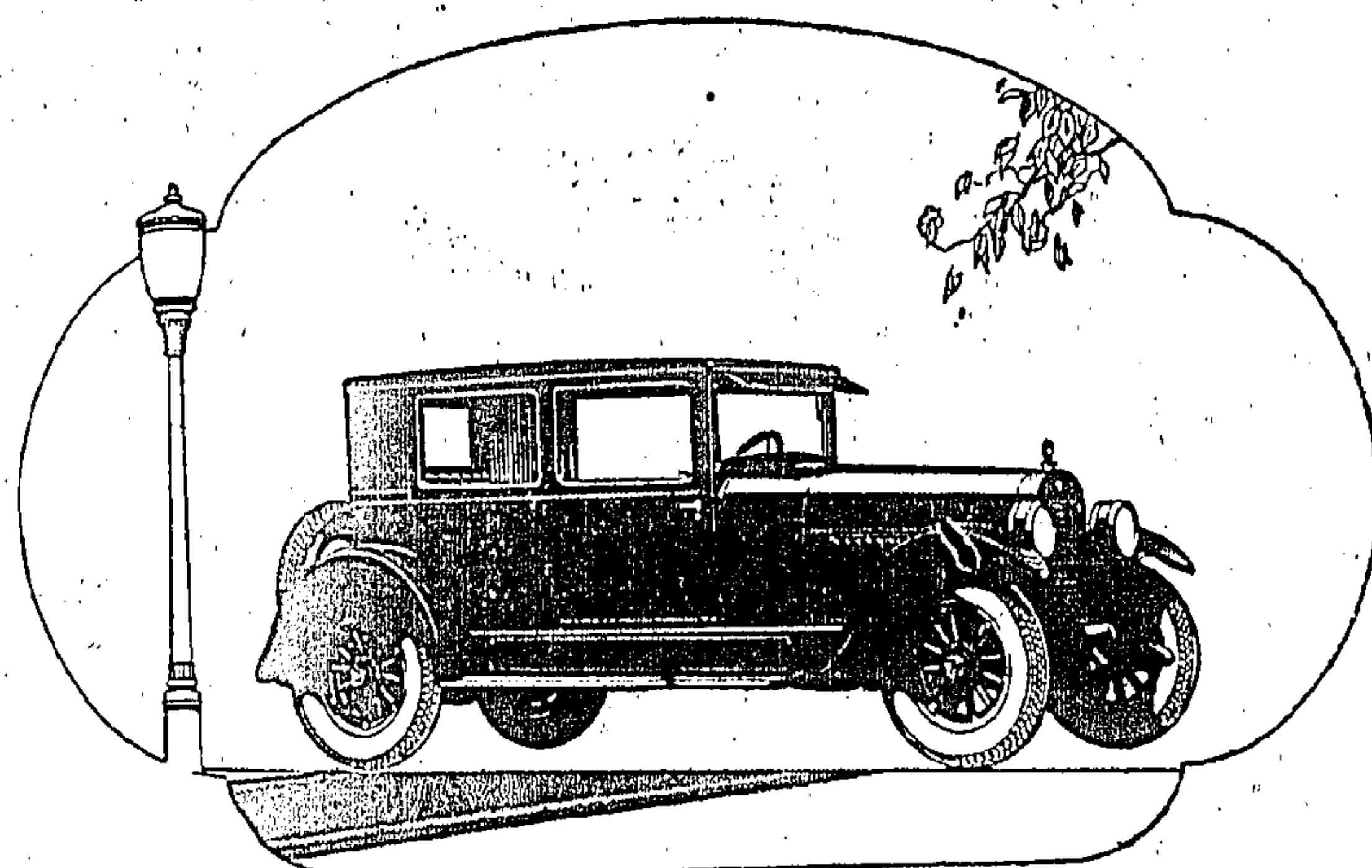
SERVICE WITH PURCHASE.

More and more shopkeepers in England are deserting the horse in favour of light motor vans for retail delivery. Motor vehicles give good service if well cared for, and to encourage this one well-known manufacturer has, according to *Motor Transport*, introduced a "service with purchase" scheme. Briefly, the scheme is that every light van sold carries a maintenance allowance of £3 and a book of vouchers which enable the purchaser to have work to the value of £3 carried out free of charge at any of the manufacturer's authorised depots.

THE FORD ALL-METAL COMMERCIAL AEROPLANE.



This Ford all-metal airplane flew from Detroit to the national air meet at Mitchell Field, Long Island, and became the central figure in the opening of the first airplane sales department in the history of department stores, becoming the property of the John Wanamaker store. Its huge size is shown by comparison with the Sperry Flivver plane under its wing.



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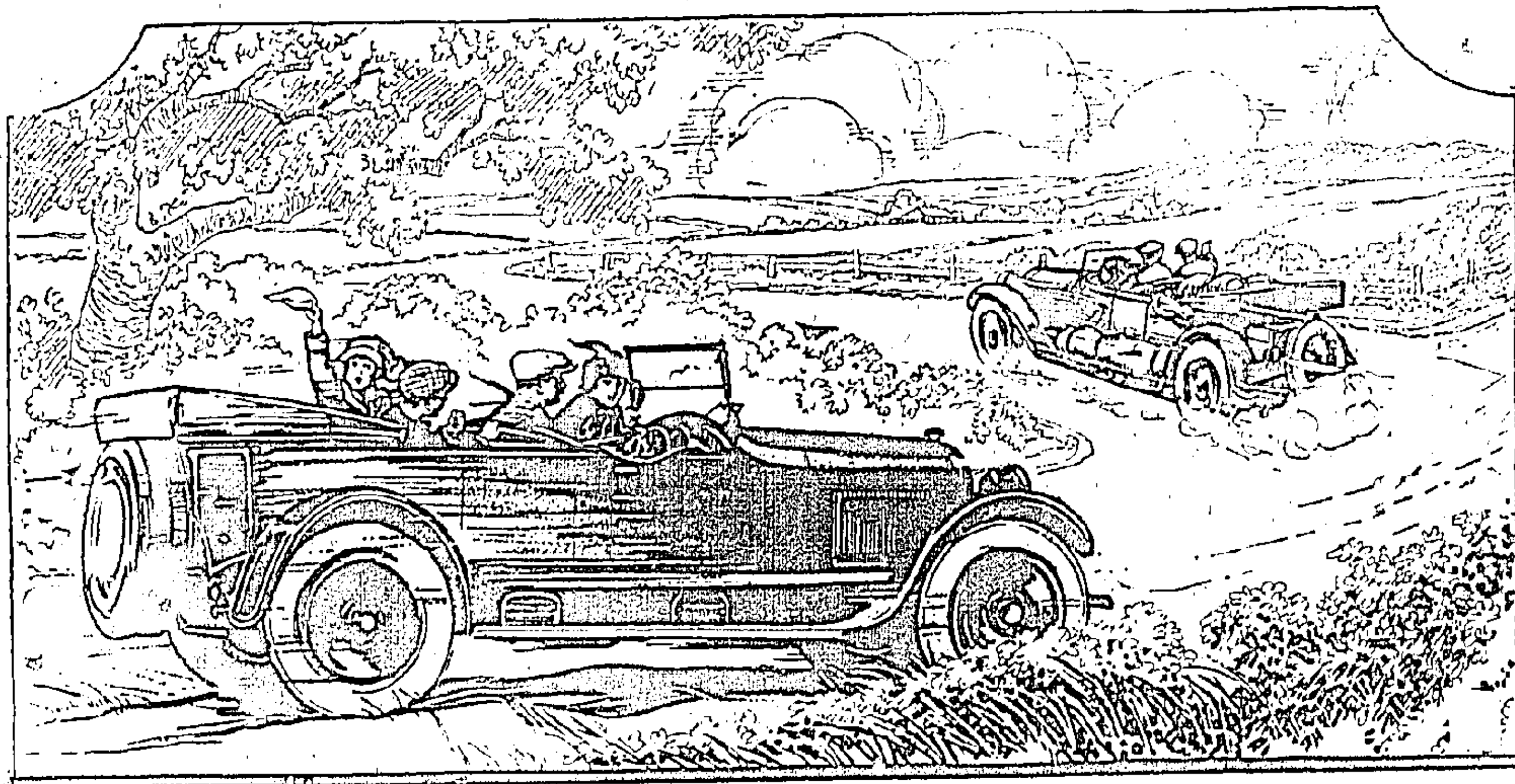
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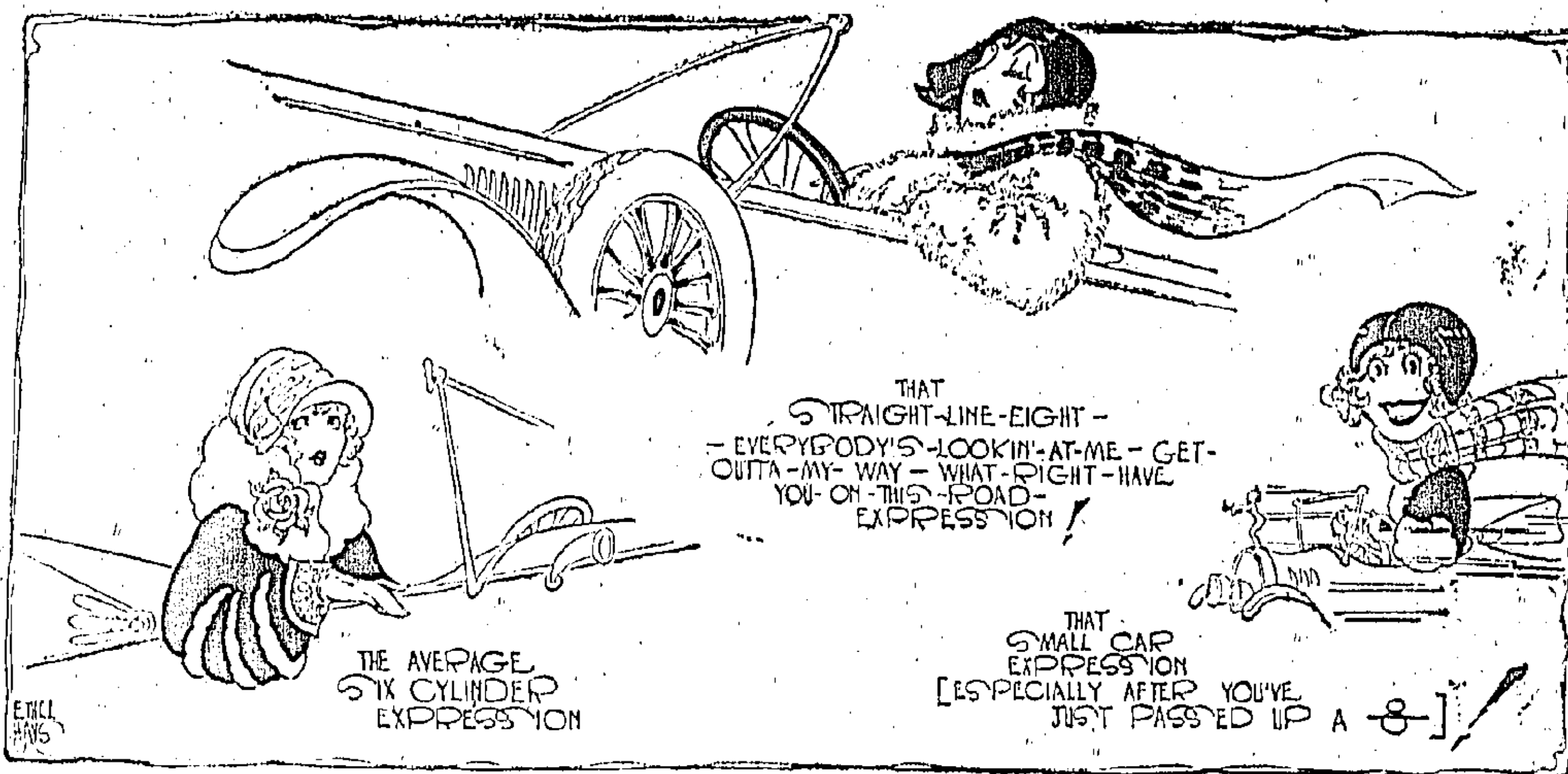
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VALVELESS ENGINE BREAKS RECORD.

A 2-stroke motor cycle—the Dunell—has recently secured several long-distance records at Brooklands track, England, says *The Motor Cycle*, thus disproving the popular conception of a 2-stroke as being essentially a potter's machine.

INCREASE IN SAVING.

According to A. E. Duncan of Baltimore the number of registered motor vehicles increased from 2,445,666 in 1915 to 17,591,981 in 1924. During the same time savings depositors increased from 16,084,587 with an average of \$88 a person to 38,867,994 depositors with an average of \$186 a person.

TRANSPORT PROGRESS.

THE PROGRESS OF TOWN TRAVEL.

While the railway centenary celebrations held in the north of England have recently been attracting the attention of a large number of people, it is of interest to remark on the progress that another form of travel has made. We refer specifically to the methods of getting about London or other large cities.

Since the dawn of history, man has travelled afoot, while the comparative few who were able bestrode a horse or mule. Later came the carriage, but even so recently as 300 years ago, the Sedan chair was the only alternative to walking for those who did not own a private means of conveyance.

For the origin of the bus, without which London could scarcely exist to-day, we must look to Paris, where, in the sixteenth century, a vehicle similar to the stage coach began to ply for hire. To retain a high social standard for these conveyances, all soldiers, lackeys, pages and livery servants were rigidly excluded—the prohibitive price was a certain bar to the entry of other "undesirables."

In the course of time, the withdrawal of this restriction, coupled with a decrease in the minimum fare, placed the vehicles at the disposal of any who wished to use the Latin rendering of the them—they were "for all" or, in privilege, "omnibus." Victorian slang curtailed this to "bus," an abbreviation that to-day is accepted as good English.

For very many years, the horse bus and its driver—almost a Dickensian relic from the stage coach—were one of the characteristic features of London, and retained their place even after the introduction of the trams. But they could not withstand the power of the petrol buses that made their appearance some twenty years ago.

For two decades, little change except in details, has affected these vehicles, which have in every case run on solid tyres. But a few months ago, the Admiralty service submitted for Scotland Yard's approval six Dennis machines fitted with pneumatics. These were sanctioned for Metropolitan work, and were soon followed by many others of the same make and similar type. It is easy to understand how indifferent road surfaces instantly established these machines as the most popular in London.

Until the advent of some revolutionary form of town travel, it will be difficult to better this method, as it is, to all intents and purposes, quite as good as a private car, without such attendant bothers as the licence, insurance, upkeep, or even cleaning.

It is worthy of mention that Messrs. Dennis Bros., of Guildford, whose pneumatic-tyred buses were the first to be passed by Scotland Yard for service in the metropolis, were the first to place on the London streets—as long ago as 1904—buses operated by worm gear, the form of drive of which they were the pioneers, and now almost universally employed for passenger-carrying vehicles throughout the world.

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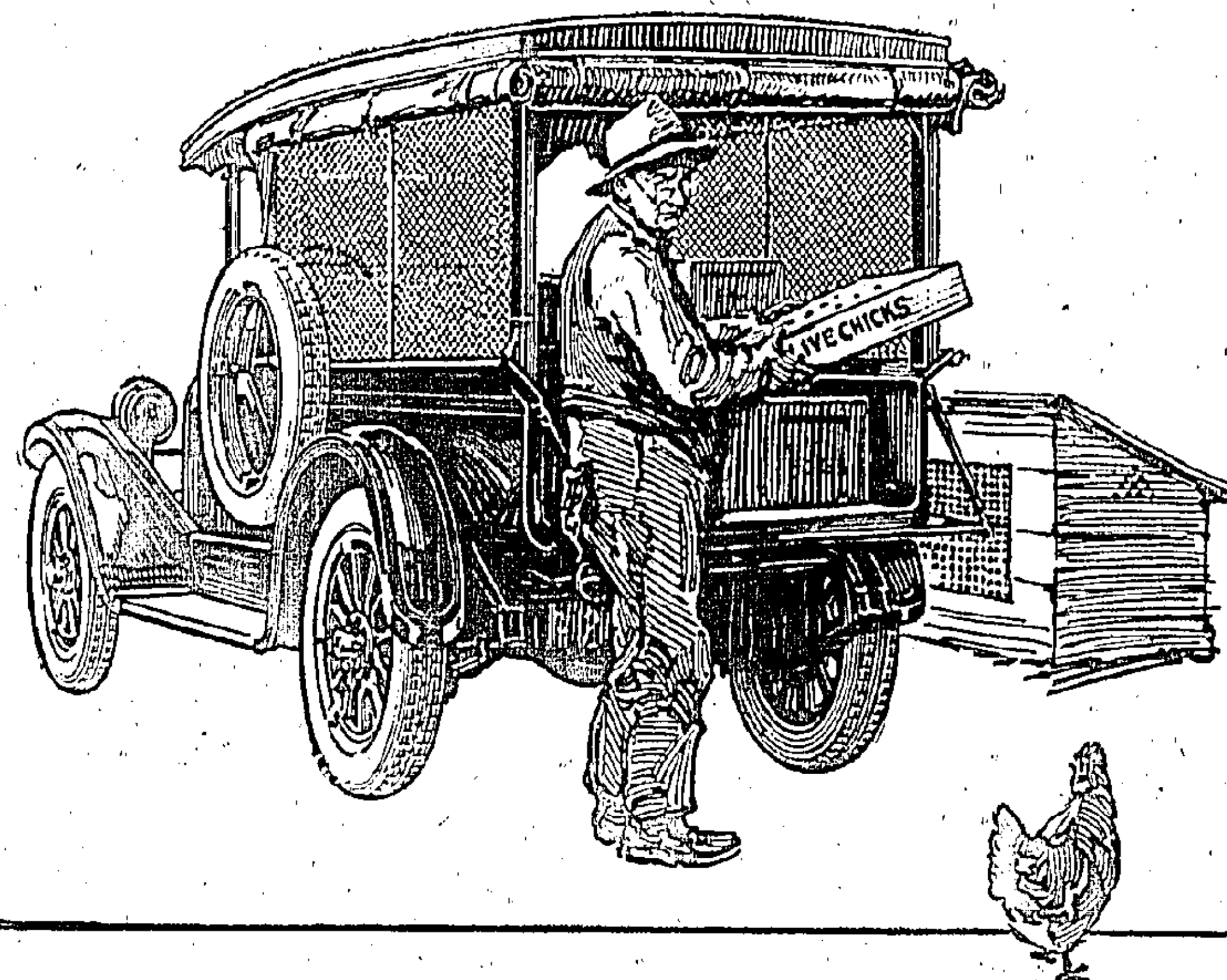
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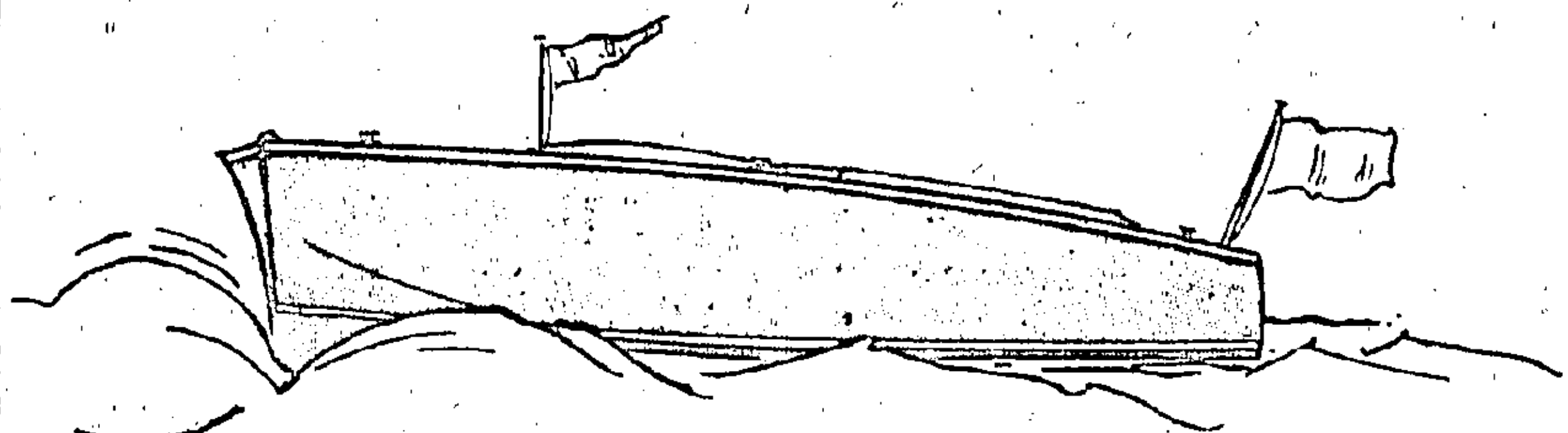
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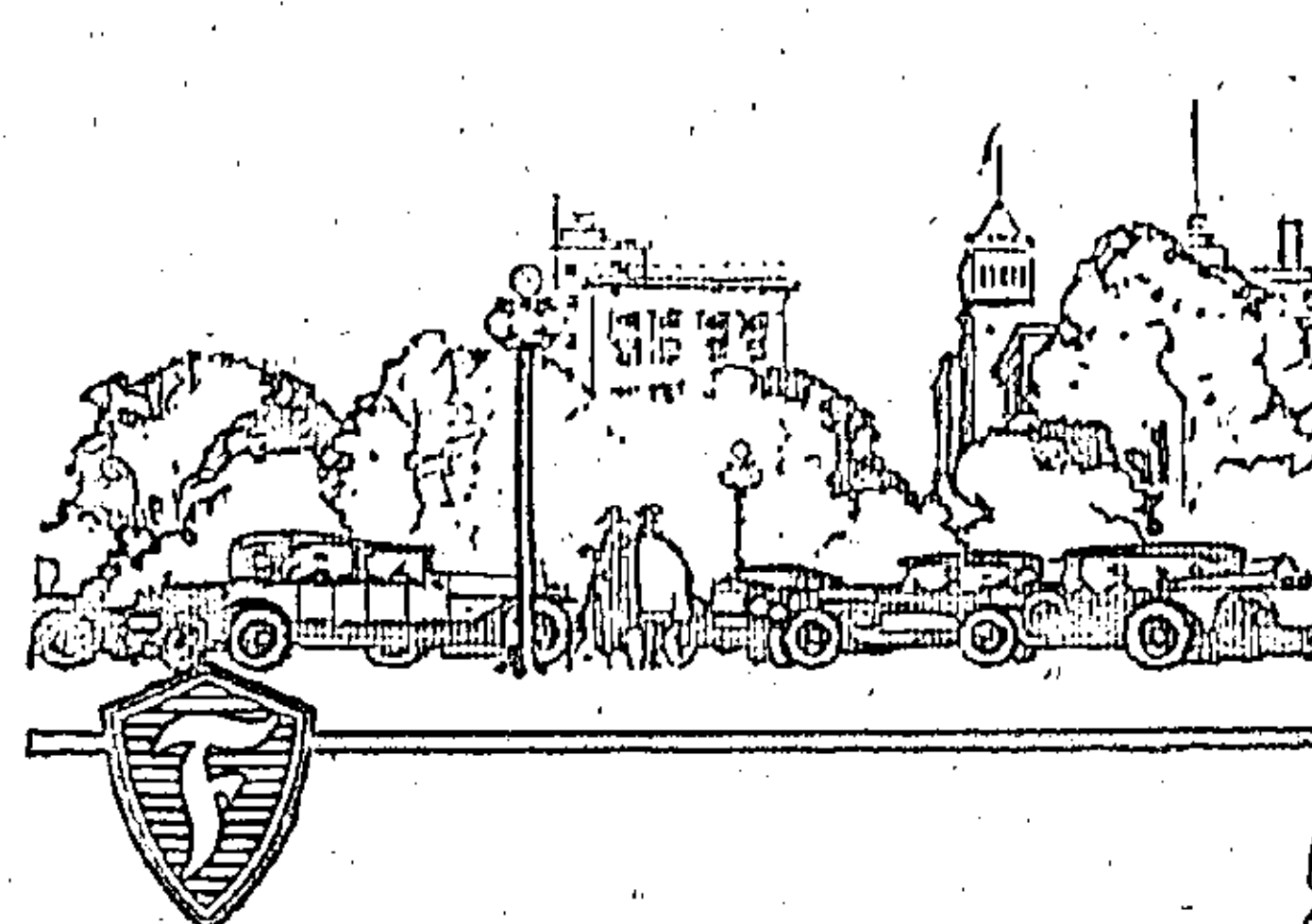
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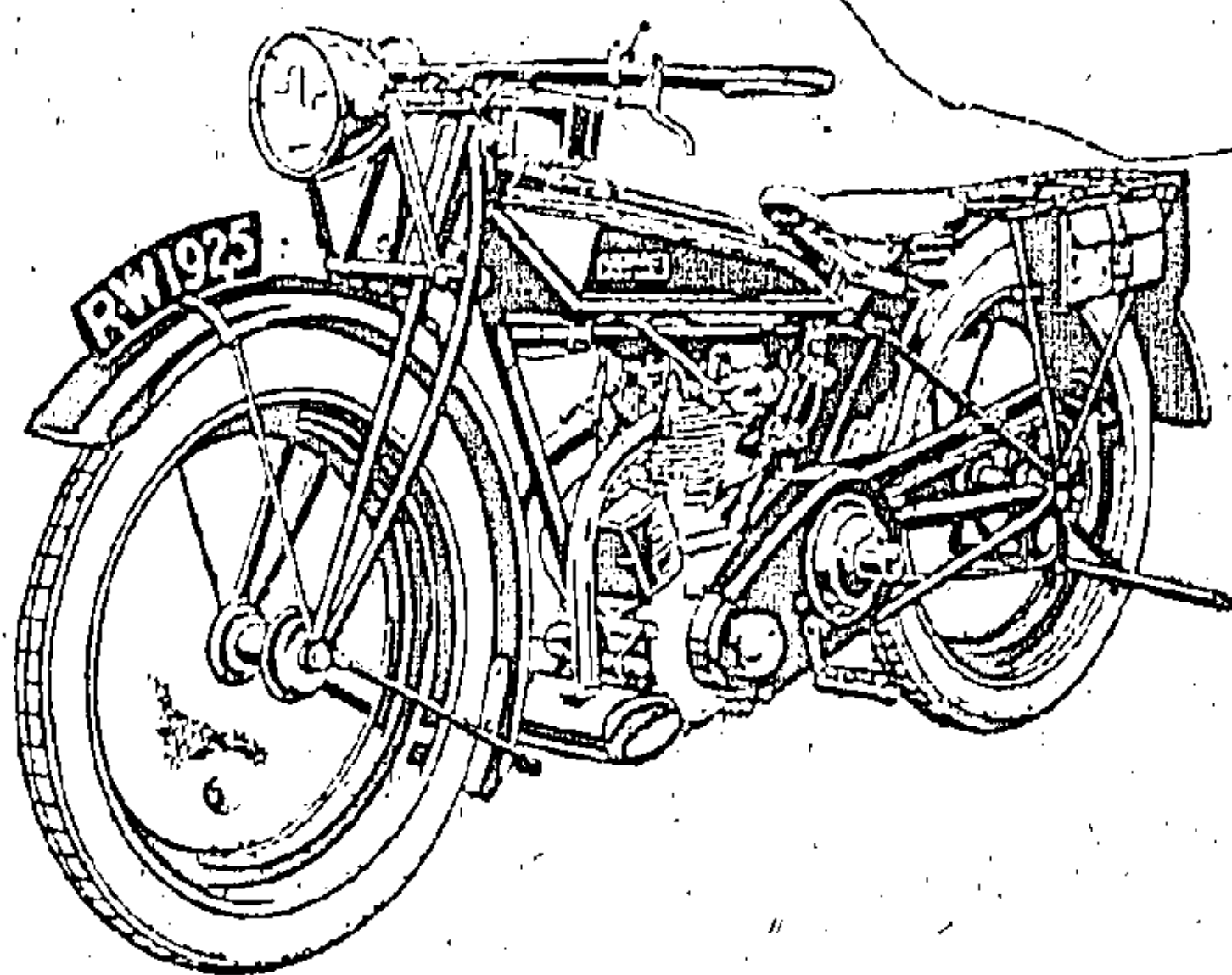
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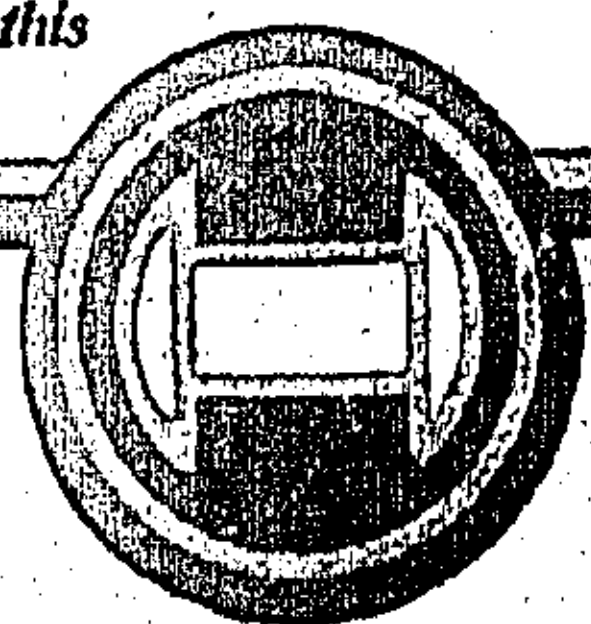
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SINGER CARS.

INCREASED SALES.

The world-wide popularity of Singer cars is reflected in the very satisfactory results of the last year's trading. Points to be noted are that it has been found possible to capitalise a portion of the Company's revenue, allocating one new share in respect of every three now held, and that, despite reductions in price, increased sales have kept the trading profits up to the figure of the previous year. During his speech at the annual general meeting, Mr. R. F. de Salis, the Chairman of the Company, said: "Our profits on trading at \$97,095 are practically the same as last year, though the car contained certain additions to the 1924 model and was sold at \$10 less. Increased sales enables us to make the same profit, and we look forward with confidence to the present year, our new premises enabling us again to increase our output considerably and economically. We have a balance profit and loss of \$140,096, against \$100,697 last year. We propose to deal with the profits as shown in our report, to pay a dividend of 12½ per cent, and a bonus of 10 per cent, (both less tax), absorbing \$35,254, to reserve \$13,000 for income-tax, to set aside \$2,000 as an amortisation fund for leasehold properties, and to set aside \$5,000 as a nucleus for an employees' old age fund, which we hope will be taken as a further expression of our desire to assist in the welfare of those employed by the Company. The details of the administration of this fund are not yet worked out, but it will be non-contributory, and of value to those requiring its assistance. Our present general reserve is \$30,000. We propose to add \$55,000 to this, bringing it up to \$85,000, which will leave us a carry-forward of \$30,442, amply sufficient for our purpose."

FORD CAR'S FEAT.

NEARLY 30 M.P.G.

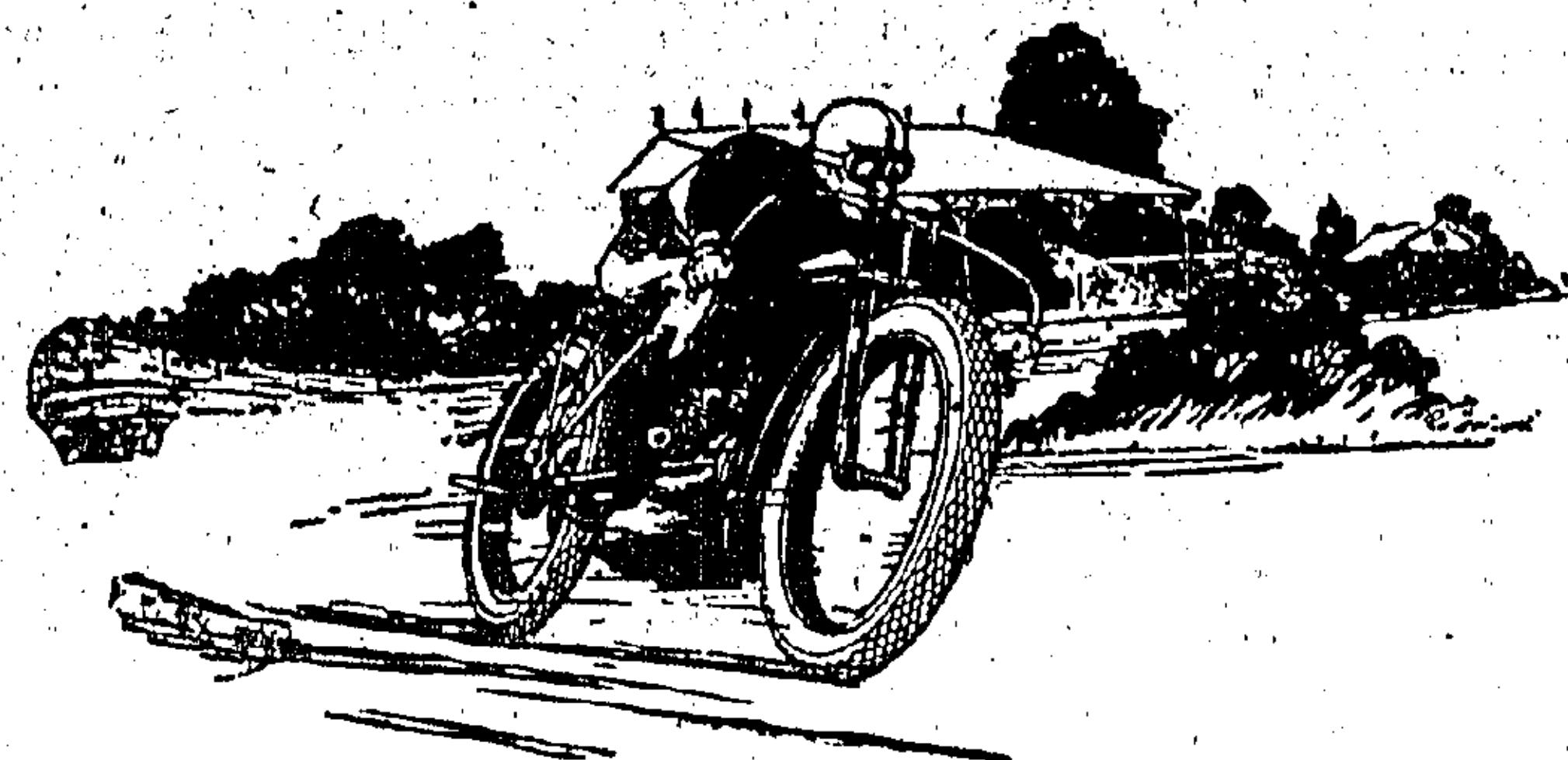
In a trip from Los Angeles to his home in this city in a Ford car, Frank G. Peden used 97 gallons of gasoline and 17 quarts of oil. Since the total distance travelled was 2,829 miles, this was an average of 29 and a fraction miles to the gallon of fuel—a remarkable showing, considering rain and bad roads encountered over a large part of the way. Mr. Peden made the trip on tyres that had already seen over 10,000 miles of service. Repairs for the entire trip came to \$7.10.

From Los Angeles Mr. Peden followed the National Old Trails Road to 20 miles east of Socorro, New Mexico, and from there took the Atlantic and Pacific Highway and the Ozark Trail Highway, via Joplin, to St. Louis. The National Old Trails was taken again at this point as far as Washington, Pennsylvania, at which town Mr. Peden branched off through West Newton to Greensburg, his destination.

USES OF TRIPLEX GLASS.

The exhibit of the Triplex Safety Glass Company at Olympia, this year, effectively demonstrated the numerous uses of this glass for purposes other than the glazing of motor vehicles. A full range of motor and air goggles were shown, together with motor spectacles fitted with ordinary Triplex, and a good selection of Triplex spectacles having the glasses properly shaped to remedy defective sight. These spectacles may now be had to suit any sight and should appeal particularly to people who take part in any kind of sport that involves the slightest risk of injury to the eyes.

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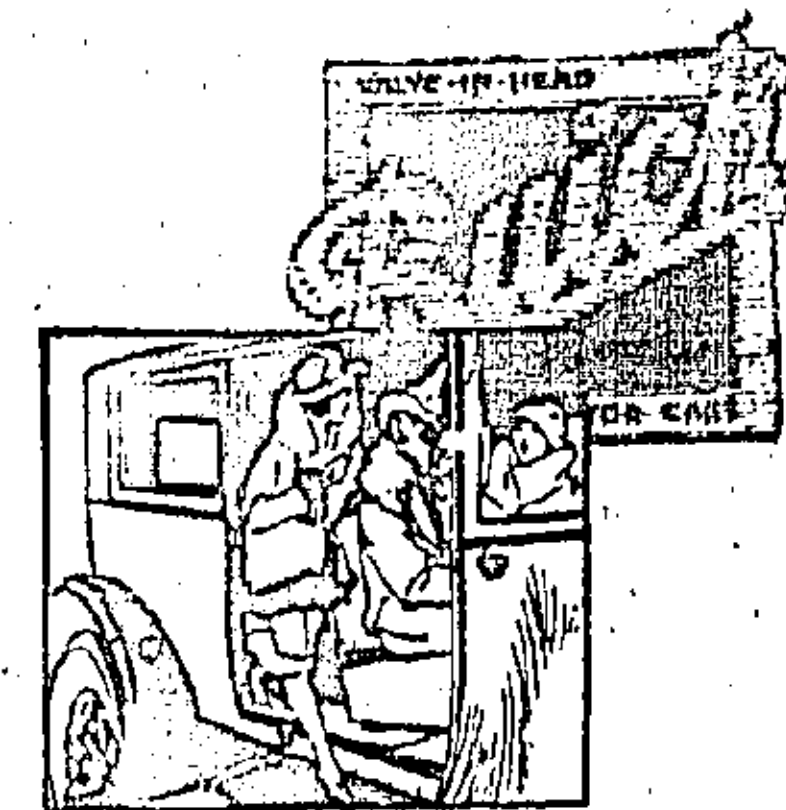
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A rear axle has been manufactured so that it can be made to tilt with bumps and ruts in the road, while the car can be kept practically straight. The differential works on a sort of ball and socket principle.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE.

A bridge across the Golden Gate at San Francisco is a certainty. The board of supervisors has approved a plan for a pedestrian and automobile bridge to Marin county.

HOW TRUCKS ARE USED.

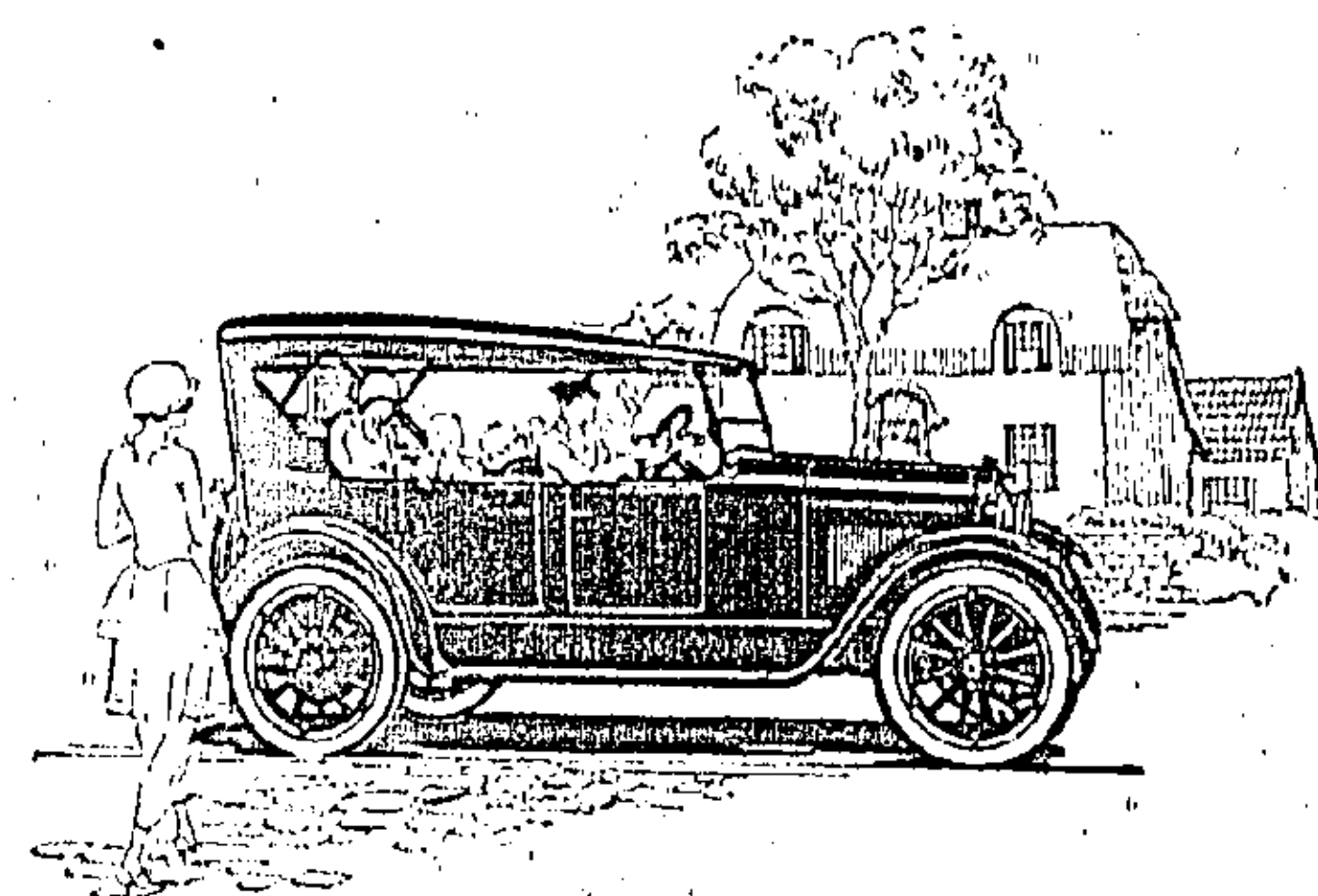
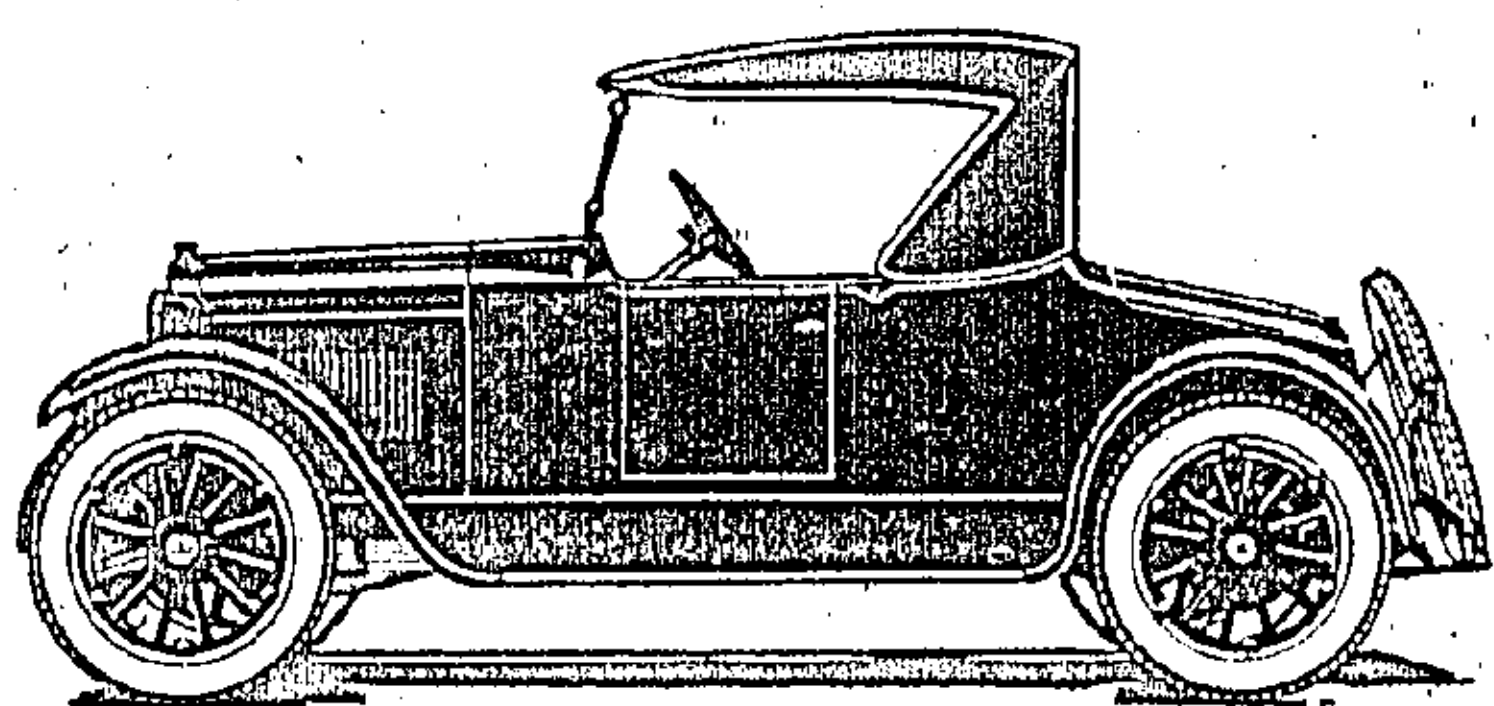
More than three-fourths of the trucks in the country are in cities of more than 1,000 population. There are 8.5 trucks for every thousand persons on farms, as compared with 23.4 for every thousand city inhabitants.

RUBBER IMPORT GAINS.

The total value of crude rubber imported by the United States during the five months ended May 31, 1925, is given at \$121,417,490 compared with \$76,185,237 for a corresponding period of last year.

ROADS IN BRITAIN.

The island of Britain, including England, Wales and Scotland, has 177,000 miles of highway, and an average of 242 persons to every mile of road. The United States has an average of 35 persons to a mile of road.



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The present models, therefore, of which DODGE BROTHERS have been manufacturing and selling 1,300 PER DAY (all that could possibly be produced in the former factories) are being continued.

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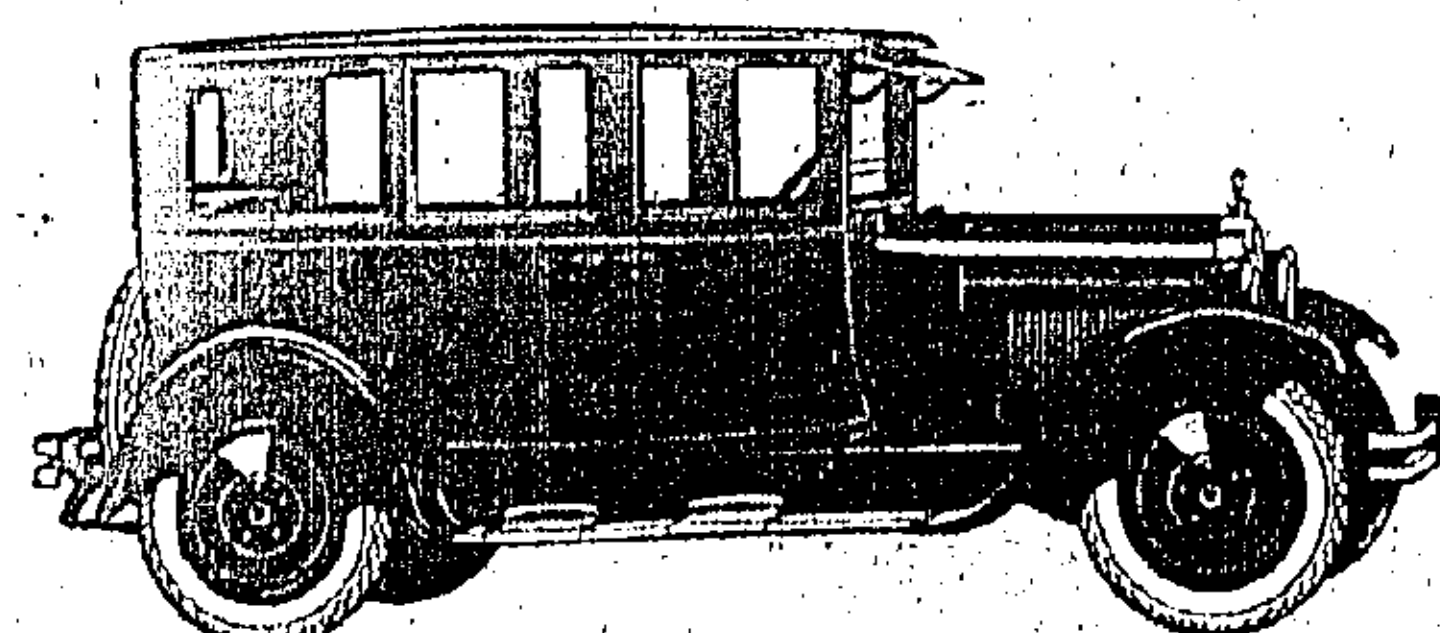
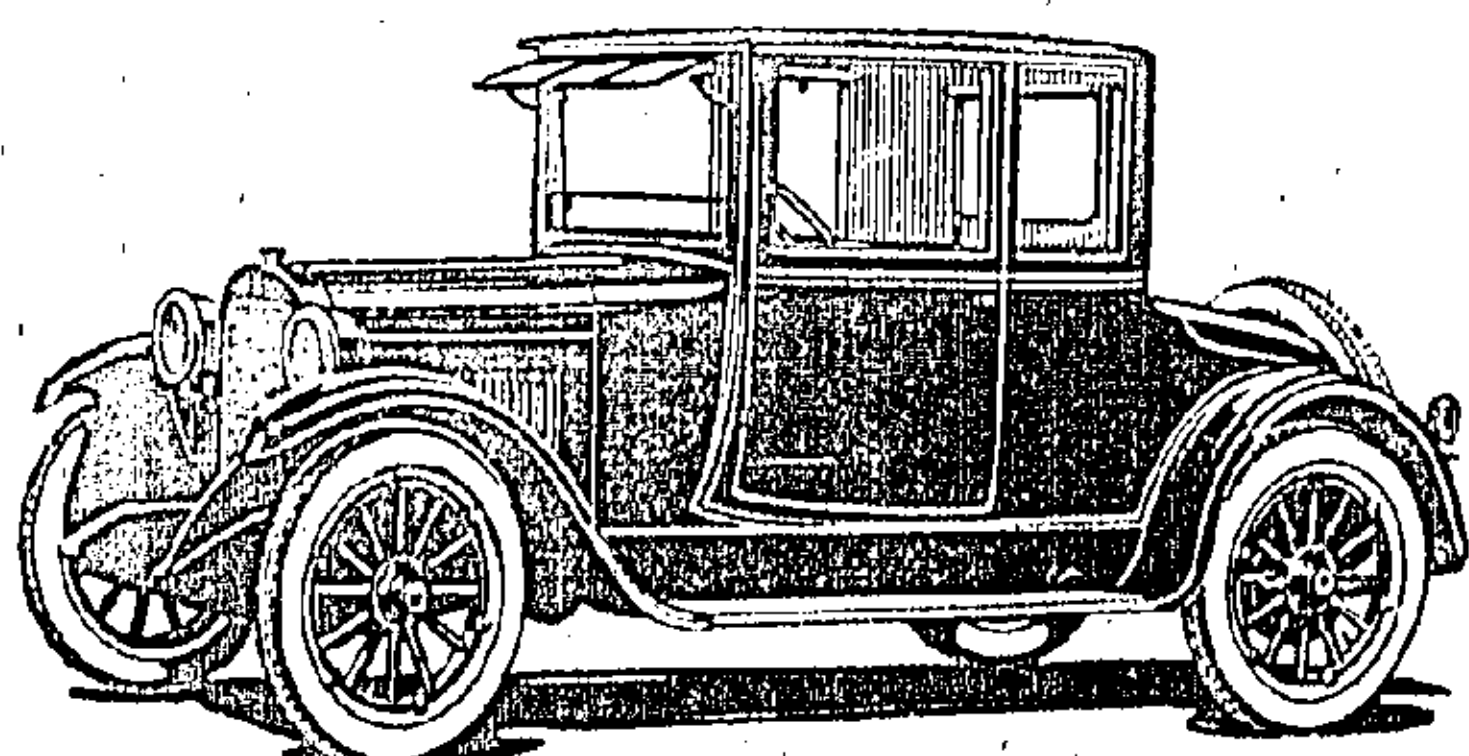
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454,327 AUTO OUTPUT.

OCTOBER RECORD.

Automobile production in the United States in October totalled 454,327 cars, exceeding any previous month in the history of the industry, according to figures compiled by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. This total compares with 404,376, the previous high record, established in May.

The October figures show an increase of more than 120,000 cars over the September total, when 332,759 cars were produced, and compare with 293,255 in October, 1924, an increase of about 111,000 automobiles.

The remarkable increase is attributed to the higher output obtained in Ford plants, which have been behind their normal schedule for several months. An excellent foreign demand has also contributed to the increased production.

October's output brings the total for this year to nearly the production reached in the full year of 1924, when about 3,620,000 cars and trucks were produced. If the rate is maintained it is estimated that the 1925 total will approach the 1923 figures, which stand as the record for the industry.

ITALIANS ARE TRUSTED.

Theft insurance in Rome, Italy, doesn't pay. The city averages only ten thefts a year, although it has a population of 750,000.

BRITISH ENGINES ABROAD.

NAPIER'S SUCCESS.

As showing the universal popularity of the British Napier aero engine, it is interesting to note that one of the latest machines manufactured at Stockholm is fitted with one of these famous engines.

This machine, the Heinkel-Napier, is a 2-seater reconnaissance machine for general military work.

It is of German design, but as it is forbidden to construct large military machines in Germany arrangements have been made for the construction of the Heinkel military type aeroplane in Sweden.

The machine is extremely simple in construction and assembly, with the fuselage of welded steel tubes. It is capable of a speed of over 152 m.p.h. and can fly at a height of 25,000 ft.

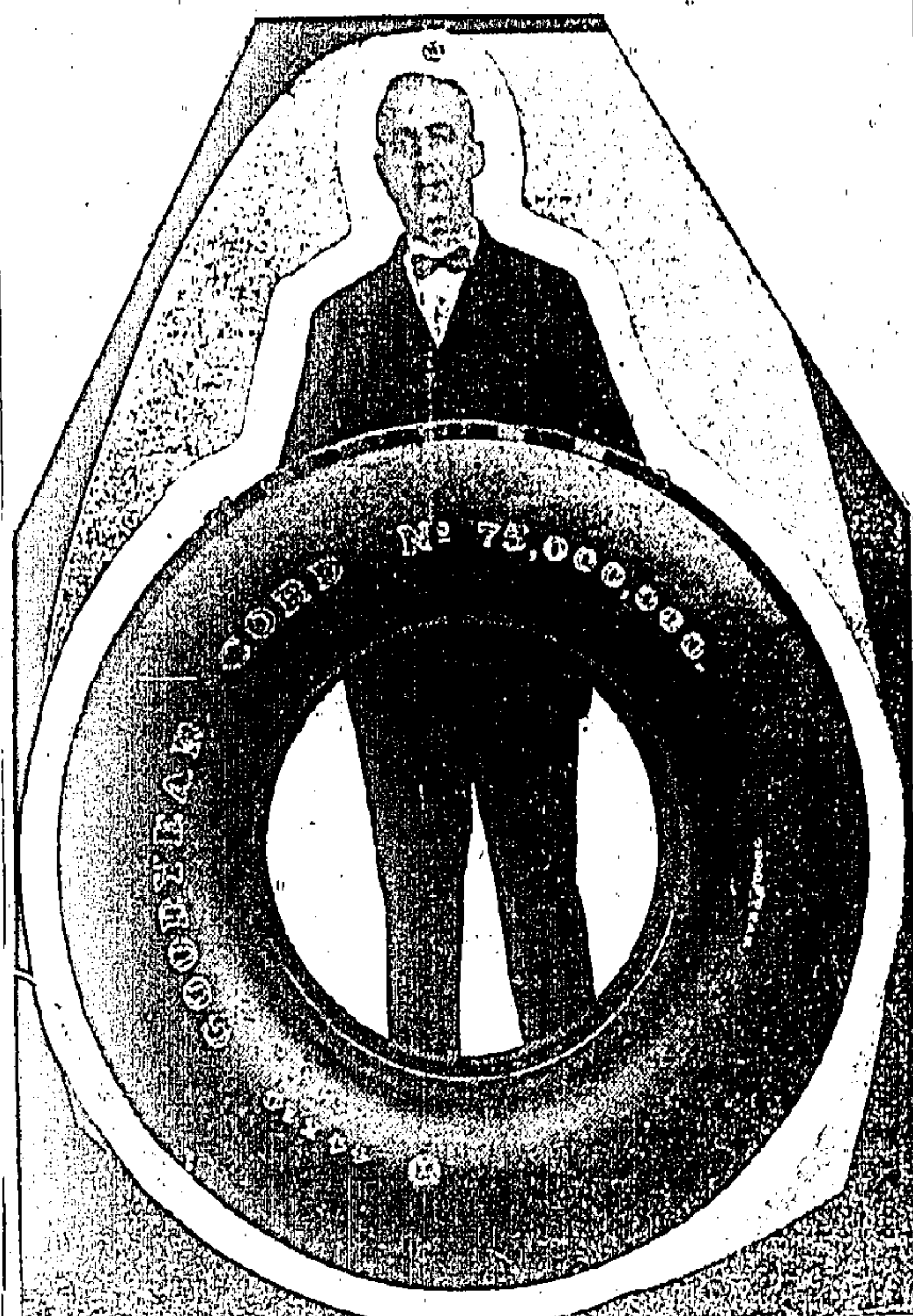
It is gratifying to Britishers to know that in aero engine construction other countries favour the British product.

AFTER HIT-AND-RUNS.

The French Senate is considering a law providing for withdrawal of the driver's license for from two to six months if a motorist refuses to stop after causing an accident. If the person hurt is injured or killed, the license would be permanently withdrawn.

25 YEARS IN TYRE TRADE.

DESIGNER OF FIRST STRAIT SIDE TYRE.



Celebrating the building of the 75,000,000th automobile tyre manufactured under his direction, and the completion of his own 25 years of service with the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company, P. W. Litchfield, First Vice-President, announced recently a gift of \$25,000 to the Welfare Committee of the Goodyear Industrial Assembly.

The money is to be used by this committee of employees of the plant to assist deserving workers, for educational work, and for rewarding unusual service or achievement. The gift is to be distributed entirely within the discretion of the men.

The 75,000,000th tyre, a 44 x 10 heavy duty truck tyre, was displayed during the celebration of Akron's Centennial recently.

Mr. Litchfield joined the company as factory manager in 1900 when the company was less than a year and a half old and when its main products were carriage tyres and bicycle tyres.

Under his direction the first Goodyear automobile tyre was built. The total production of 75,000,000 built since that time under his supervision makes it

the largest tyre production of any company in the world.

Mr. Litchfield is the originator of the Industrial Assembly plan, a form of shop council under which 60 representatives and senators selected by employees, legislate on such matters as working conditions, safety, sanitation, hours and wages, subject only to the veto of the factory manager. The assemblymen, whose districts are concerned sit in all sessions at which any change of wage is under discussion. The plan has been in operation for six years.

This is the second large gift made by Mr. Litchfield. In 1914 he gave \$100,000 to the men of five year service and over, the income of which is distributed among service men in the plant.

More than \$100,000 in cash has been distributed from the earnings of the original gift.

Mr. Litchfield is credited with bringing out the first Straight Side tyre, the first successful Cord tyre, the first Pneumatic Truck tyre. His latest contribution to tyre construction is the Super-twist Cord, a highly resilient cord material used in building balloon and high pressure tyres.

MOTOR HIGHWAY.

LATEST AMERICAN PROJECT.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Plans are being made for a road to be built from Chicago to Milwaukee which will exclude all crossings, pedestrians and rail cars.

The road will be wide enough to accommodate 16 cars abreast. It will be possible to make the entire trip in 75 minutes over this highway.

"We won't have any speed cops," says Mr. S. Mayer, secretary of the Chicago police department and president of the Illinois Safety Council, who has planned the superhighway.

Six Lanes.

The new drive will have six separate lanes for cars. The inside lanes will be for high-power autos which go from 60 to 90 miles an hour.

The second lane will be for cars going from 30 to 60 miles an hour, and the outside lanes are for cars going from 15 to 30 miles an hour.

This road is to be built 1,200 feet out from the present shore line on re-filled land. It will be 160 feet wide, 80 miles long and 12 feet above the lake level.

No Crossroads.

The crossroads do not cross the main track. They tunnel through, and go under the main drive, having ramps leading up to the main road.

At each tunnel there will be facilities for pedestrians to reach the lake beaches beyond the roadway. But there will be no space

MOTOR TOURING BOOM.

Figures supplied by the Automobile Association show that motor touring in Great Britain this year has increased by nearly 50 per cent. over last year.

During the four summer months of 1924, 143,000 itineraries were issued by the A.A. Touring Department. For the same period this year the output was 703,000 itineraries, with an aggregate mileage of nearly 26,000,000.

ALCOHOL AND AUTOS.

W. H. Cameron, managing director of the National Safety Council, declares that statistics received from more than 85 cities show an alarming increase in automobile deaths due to intoxicated joy riders.

on the elevated road above for pedestrians.

It is estimated that this new roadway will cost \$196,000 a mile, but the saving in time and life is expected to make up for the huge construction costs.

Mayer will put his proposed road plan before the mayors and city and county officials of Winnetka, Winnetka, Evanston, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, Waukegan, all in Illinois, and Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee, all in Wisconsin, this spring. "It's bound to come," says Mayer, "for we have proven it to be a life, time and money saver in Chicago with the Wacker Drive."

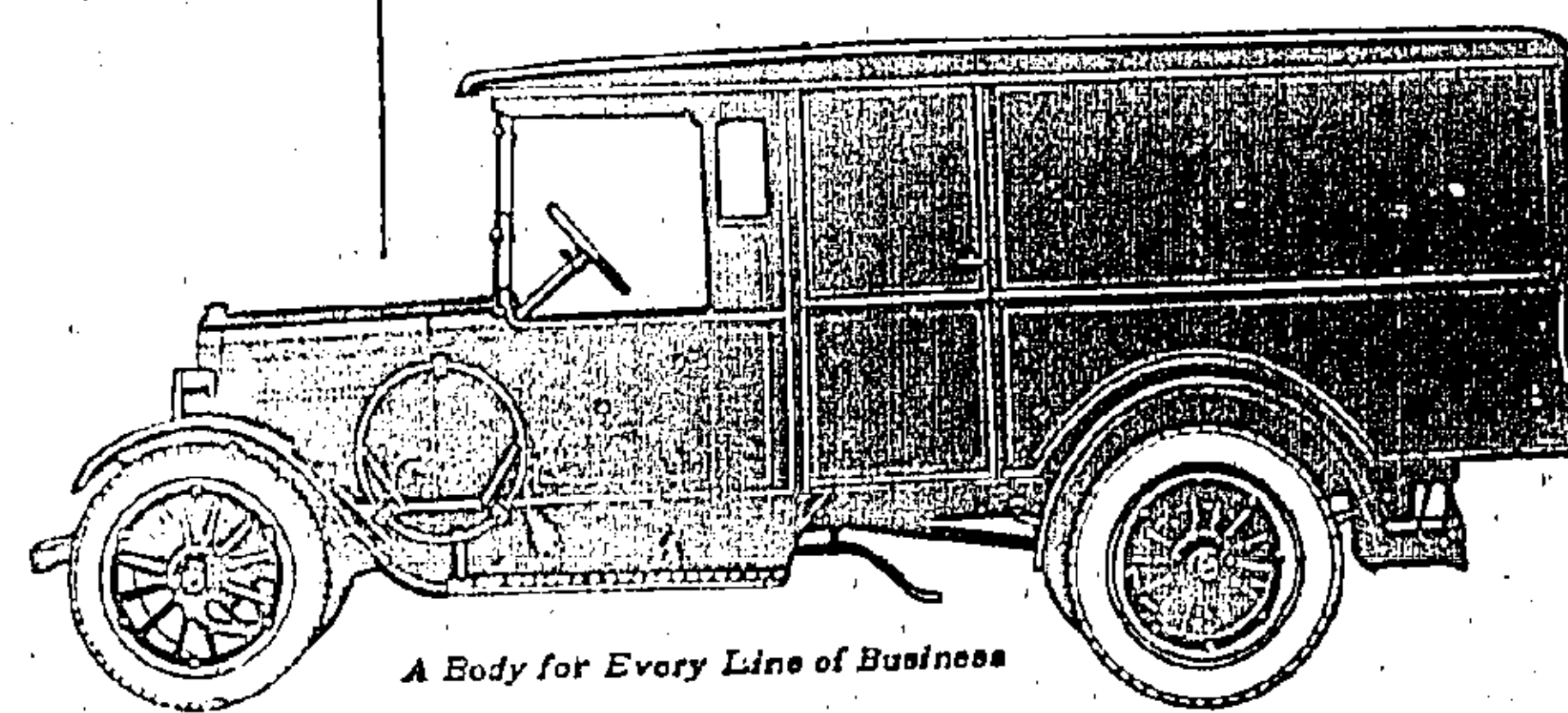
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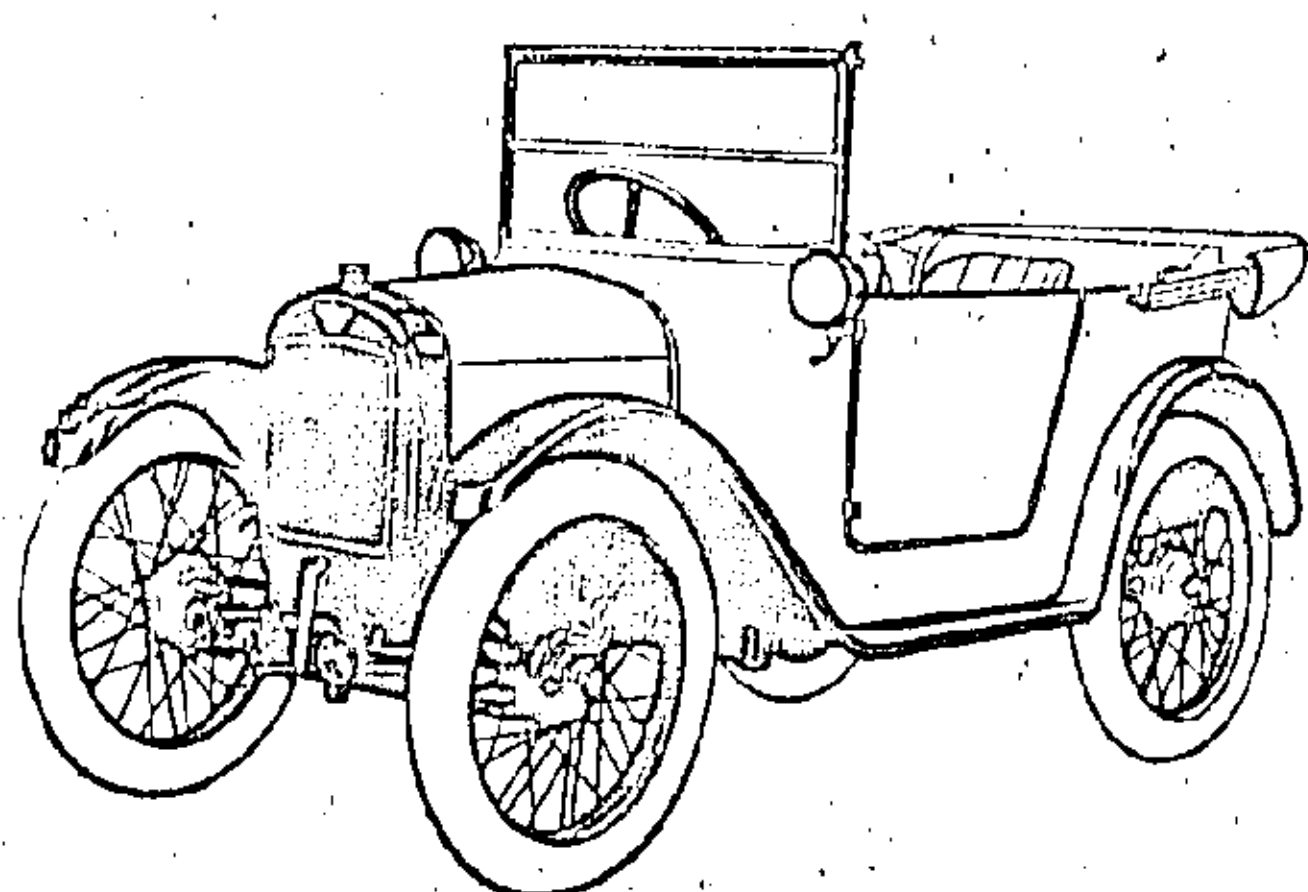


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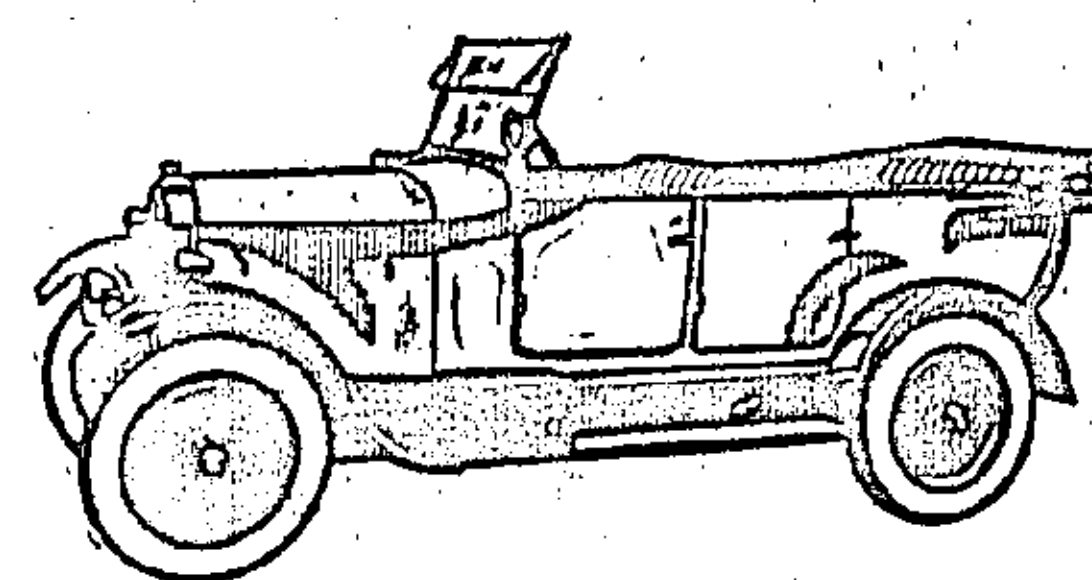
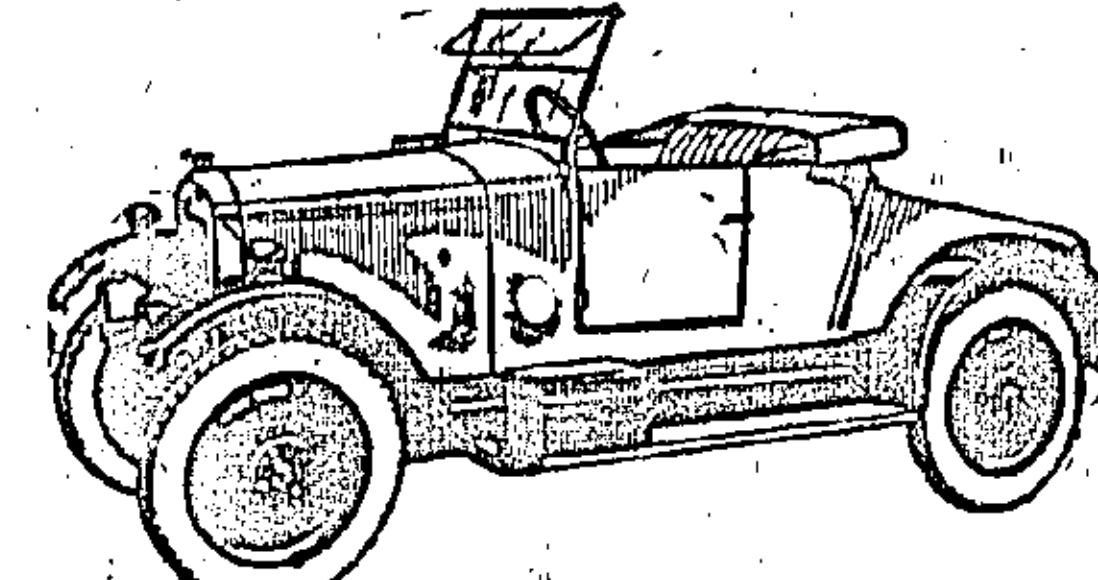
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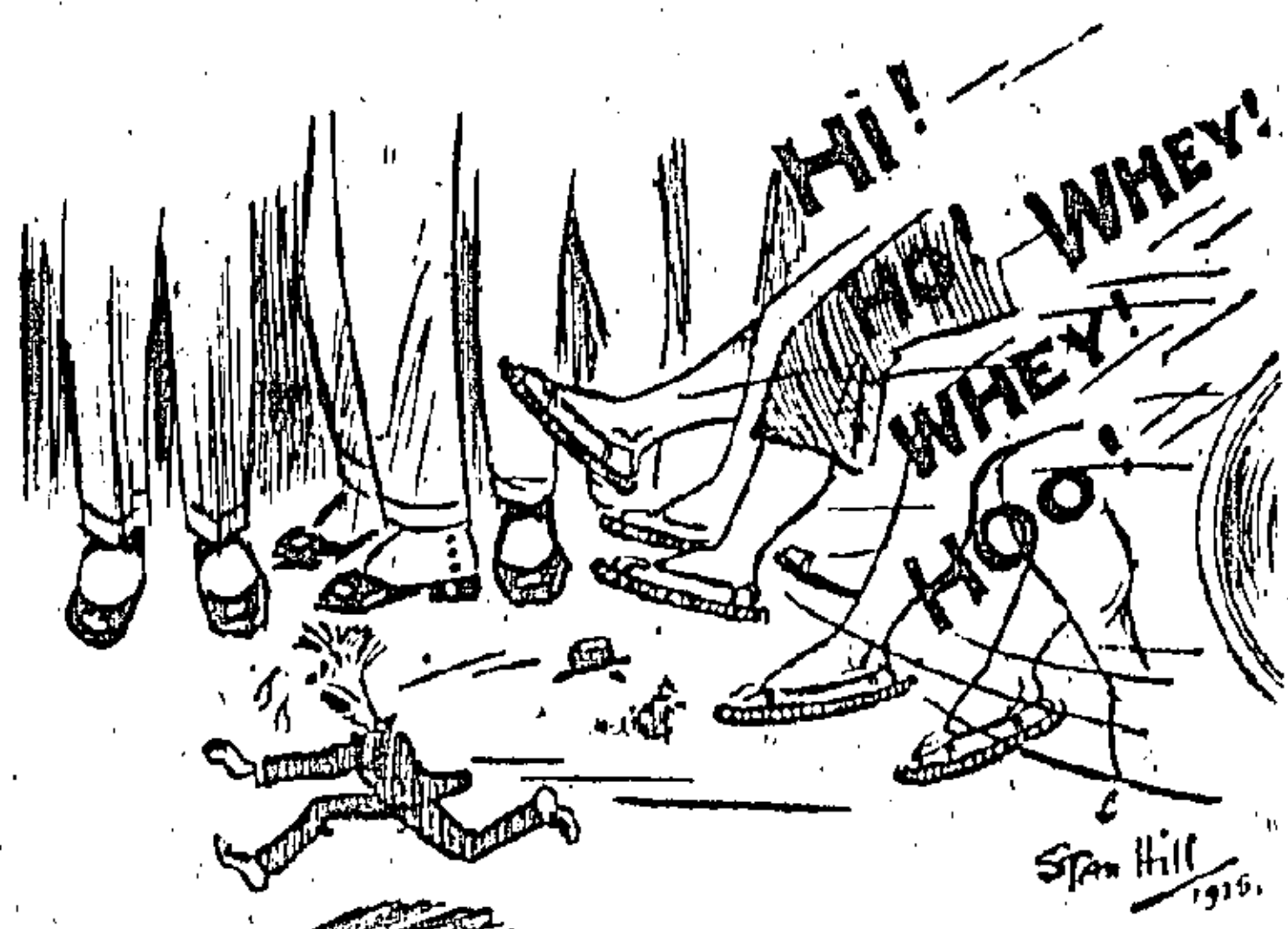
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OFF TO MACAO AND BACK.

The annual yacht race from Hongkong to Macao and back, held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, started this morning, when six boats set out on the 71-mile round trip to the Portuguese Colony. The course is to a mark boat off the new Macao harbour works, and return, the time limit being up till 1 a.m. on Monday.

The race was started this morning by the Club's Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, and the official measurer, Mr. Van Andel. When the preparatory gun was fired at 7.25 a.m. there were seven yachts waiting, but just before the starting gun went, Norseman split her boom and, consequently could not start. The six boats to start, with their particulars, were:

Brenda (cutter), owned by Messrs. Duggan, Jenkinson and King, under the command of Mr. H. Dreyer.

Coquette (sloop), owned by and under the command of Mr. F. Oliver.

La Cigale (cutter), owned by and under the command of Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

Lady Jean (Chinese rigged), owned by Mr. M. Raymond, under the command of Mr. H. J. Pearce.

Tavy II (ketch), owned by H.M.S. Tamar, and under command of Mr. Brown.

U. and I. (cutter), owned by and under the command of Mr. H. S. Rouse.

A few seconds after the starting gun was fired, Coquette crossed the starting line, closely followed by U. and I. and the others. With the good breeze blowing, the boats soon had spinnakers set and made a good beginning down the harbour. At the western limits La Cigale was leading, followed by U. and I. with Coquette and Lady Jean in company, and Brenda not far behind. These five boats were heading for Capsicum but the commander of the navy ketch, Tavy II, evidently thought the southern course, south of Lantau, was the better one and he was last seen making for Sulphur Channel. If the breeze holds, the race should be a close one and the times will be good. It will be remembered that last year, La Cigale reached Macao harbour by 2.30 p.m.—about five hours after starting.

The smallest yacht competing, Coquette, is the only boat to leave with but one European on board, as Mr. Oliver's intended companion was sick and could not go as arranged. With but two Chinese as crew, Mr. Oliver has pluckily set out to compete as he intended.

LATEST TRAIN FATALITIES.

HEAD-ON COLLISION IN AMERICA.

Charleston, Dec. 24. Four railway employees were killed in a head-on collision near Monks Corner. Ex-Secretary Weeks was among the passengers slightly hurt.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OIL MERGER.

BIG AMERICAN DEAL.

New York, Dec. 25. The Standard Oil Company of California and the Pacific Oil Company have amalgamated subject to the stockholders approving the arrangement. The assets total 450 million dollars.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RIOT ON SHIP.

NATIVE PASSENGERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Batavia, Dec. 25. A fierce conflict raged between 44 Macassar contract coolies and twenty of the ship's coolies aboard the s.s. Bengkalis on her way to Batavia from Banka Island. The native passengers and even the Macassar women joined in the fray. The ship's officers dealt vigorously with the rioters who were armed with knives, but before order was restored four natives were killed, one Macassar having his head practically cut off. Twenty were injured. The s.s. Bengkalis returned to Banka Island, where the police arrested all the coolies before she resumed her voyage.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN'S TRAM RIDE.

FINED FOR EVADING PAYMENT.

Barra Singh, an Indian watchman, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with avoiding payment of his fare while travelling on a tram between Causeway Bay and Shaukiwan.

The evidence was to the effect that the defendant had first travelled on a tram between Central and Causeway Bay. Arriving at the terminus at the latter point, he transferred to a Shaukiwan tram, and when asked to pay his fare, showed the ticket issued to him on the other tram. He was arrested and taken to the Bay View Station.

The defendant was convicted under Section 89, of Ordinance No. 10 of 1922, and was fined \$5.

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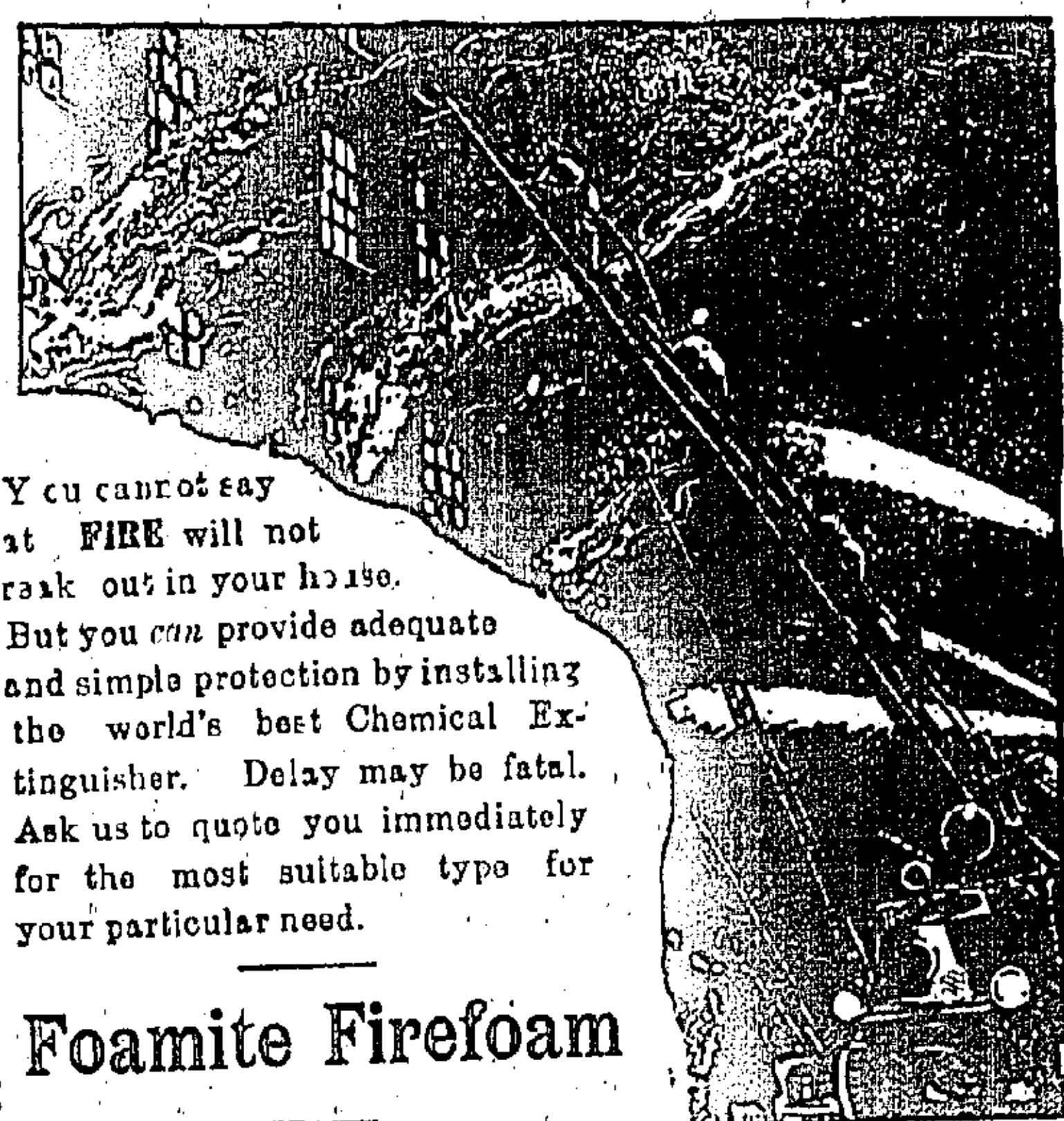
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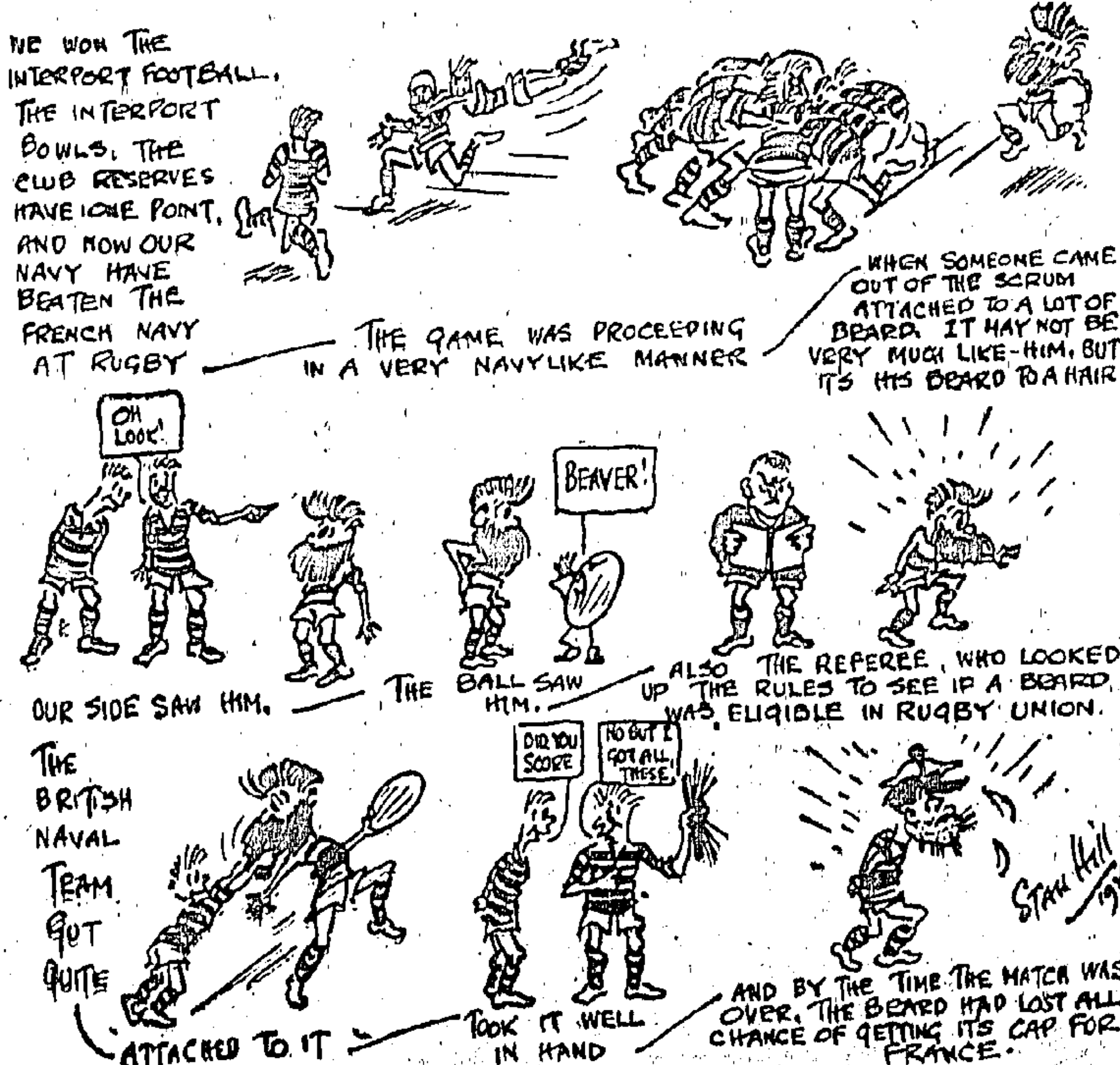
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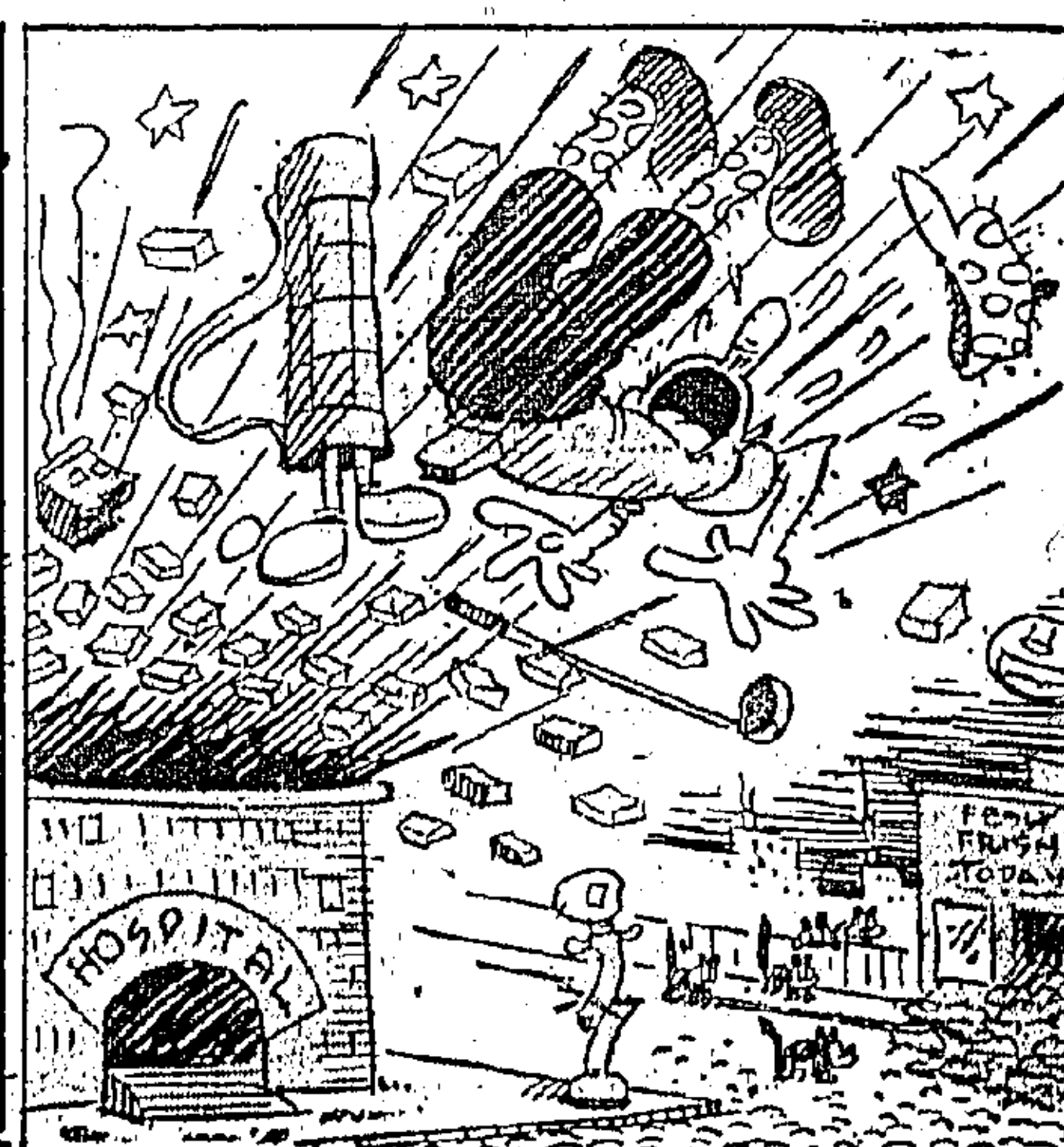
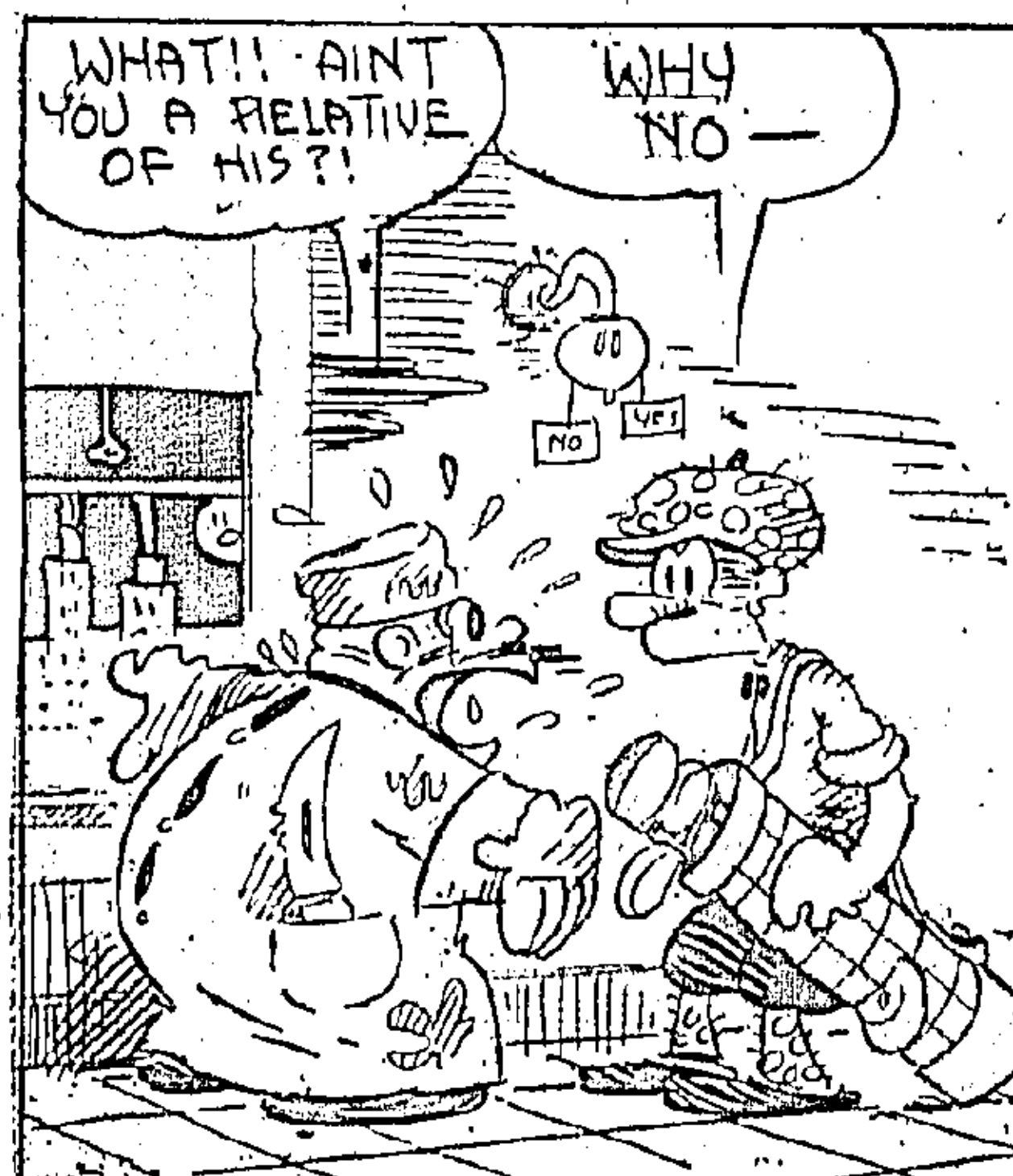
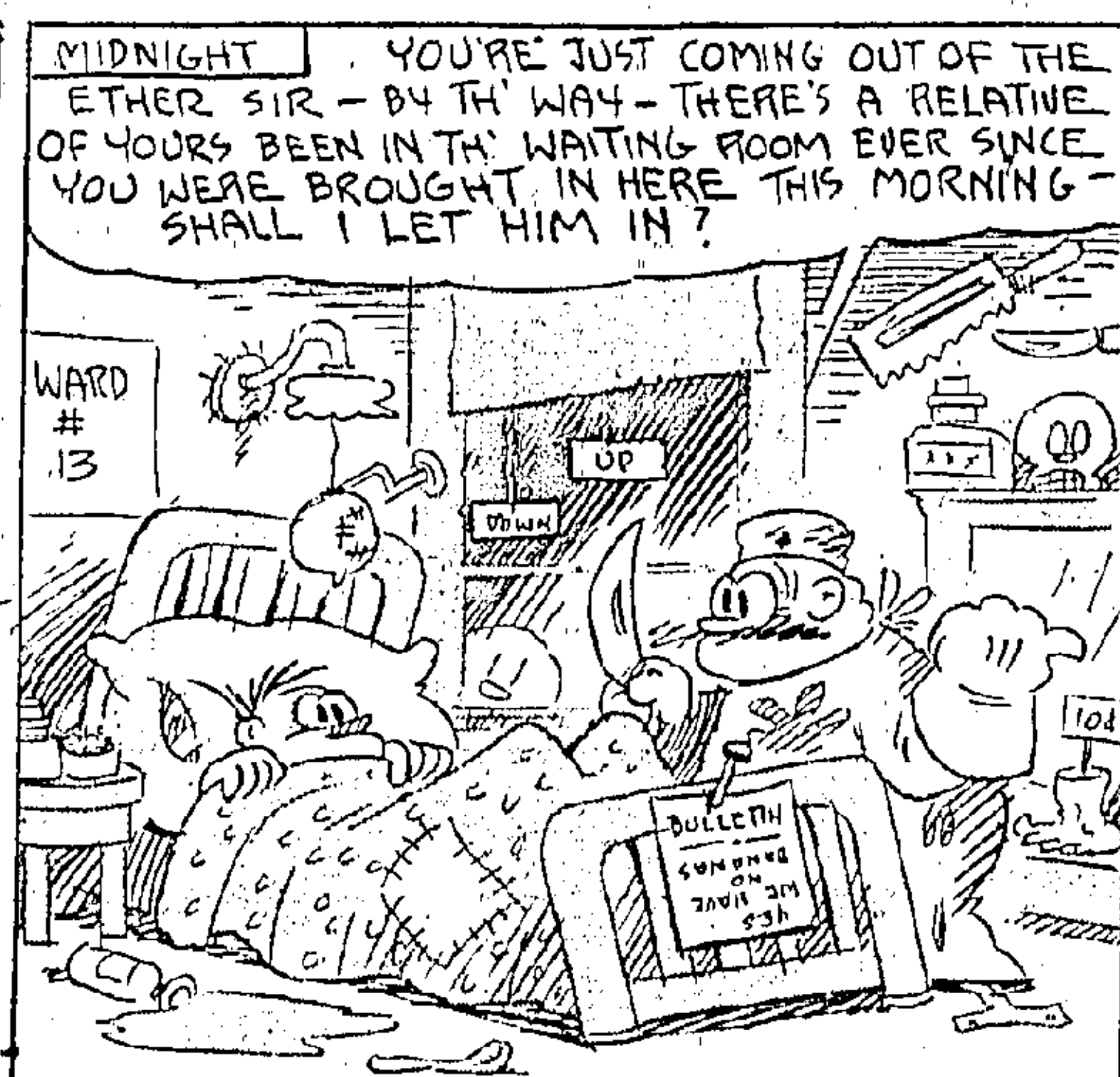
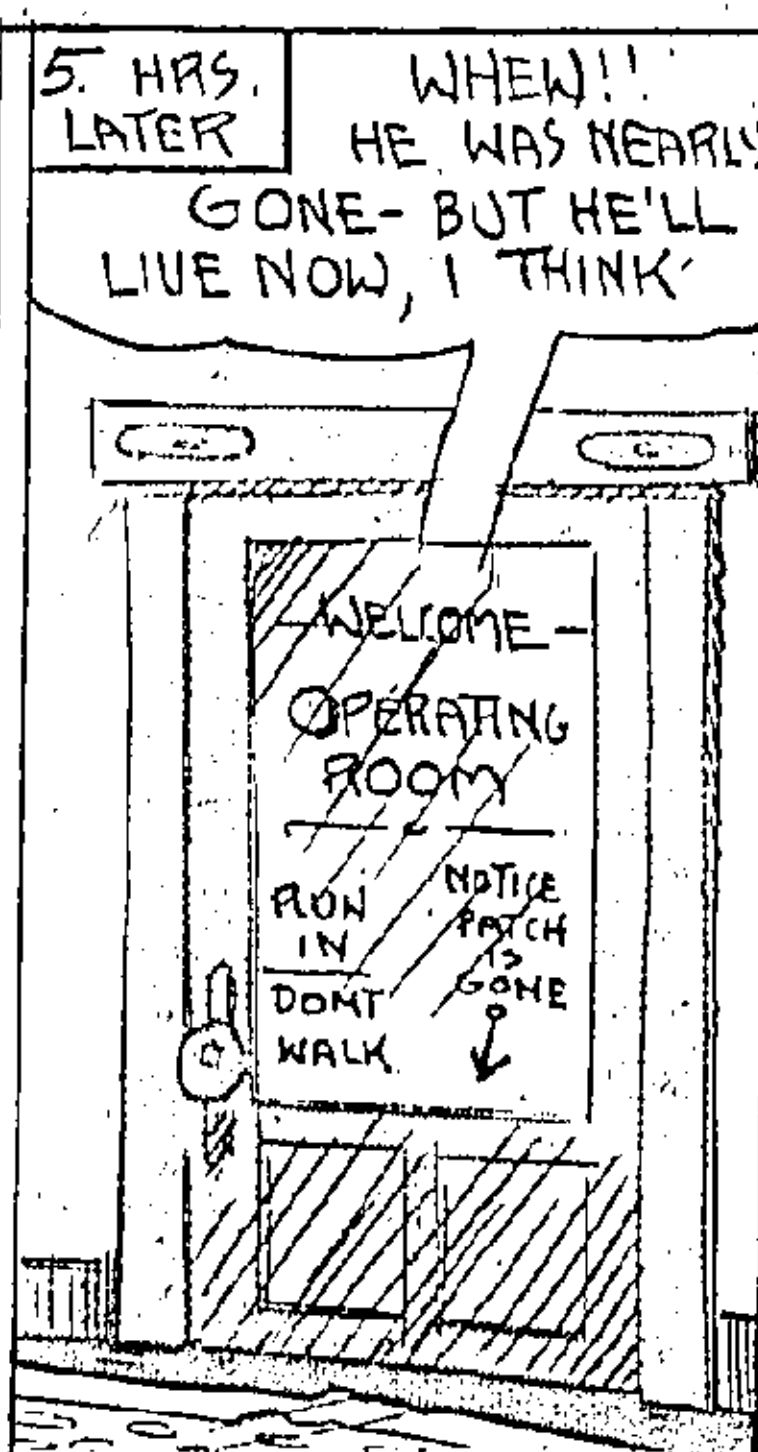
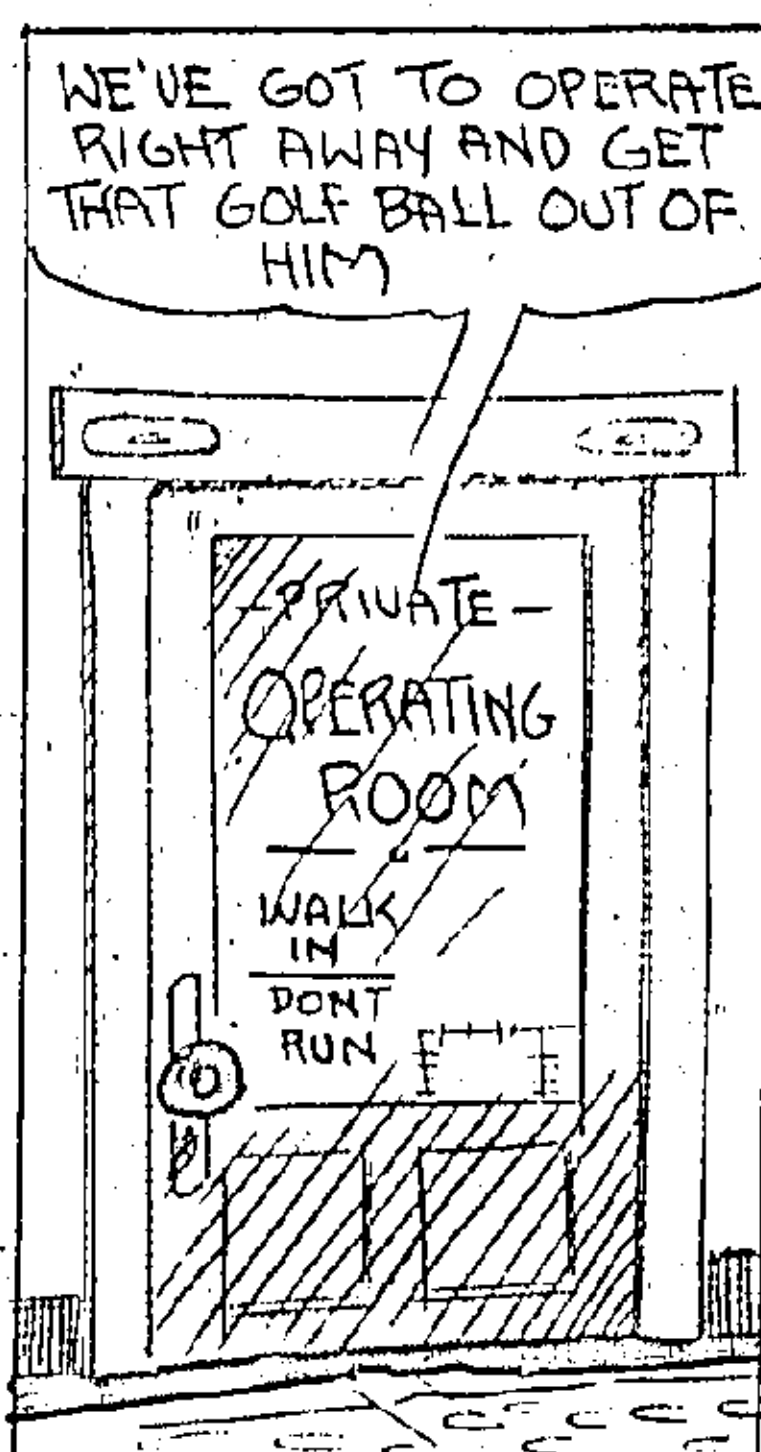
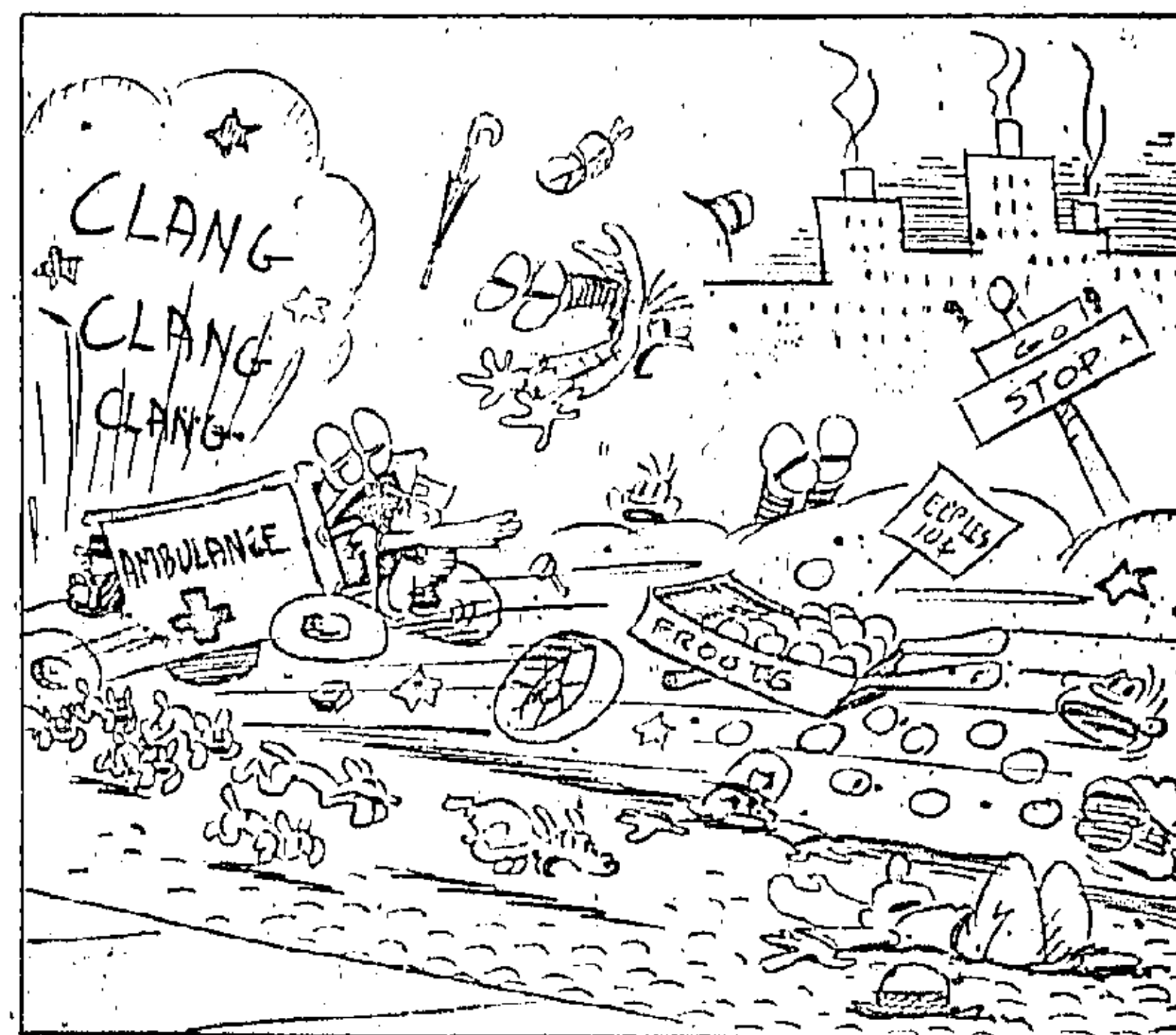
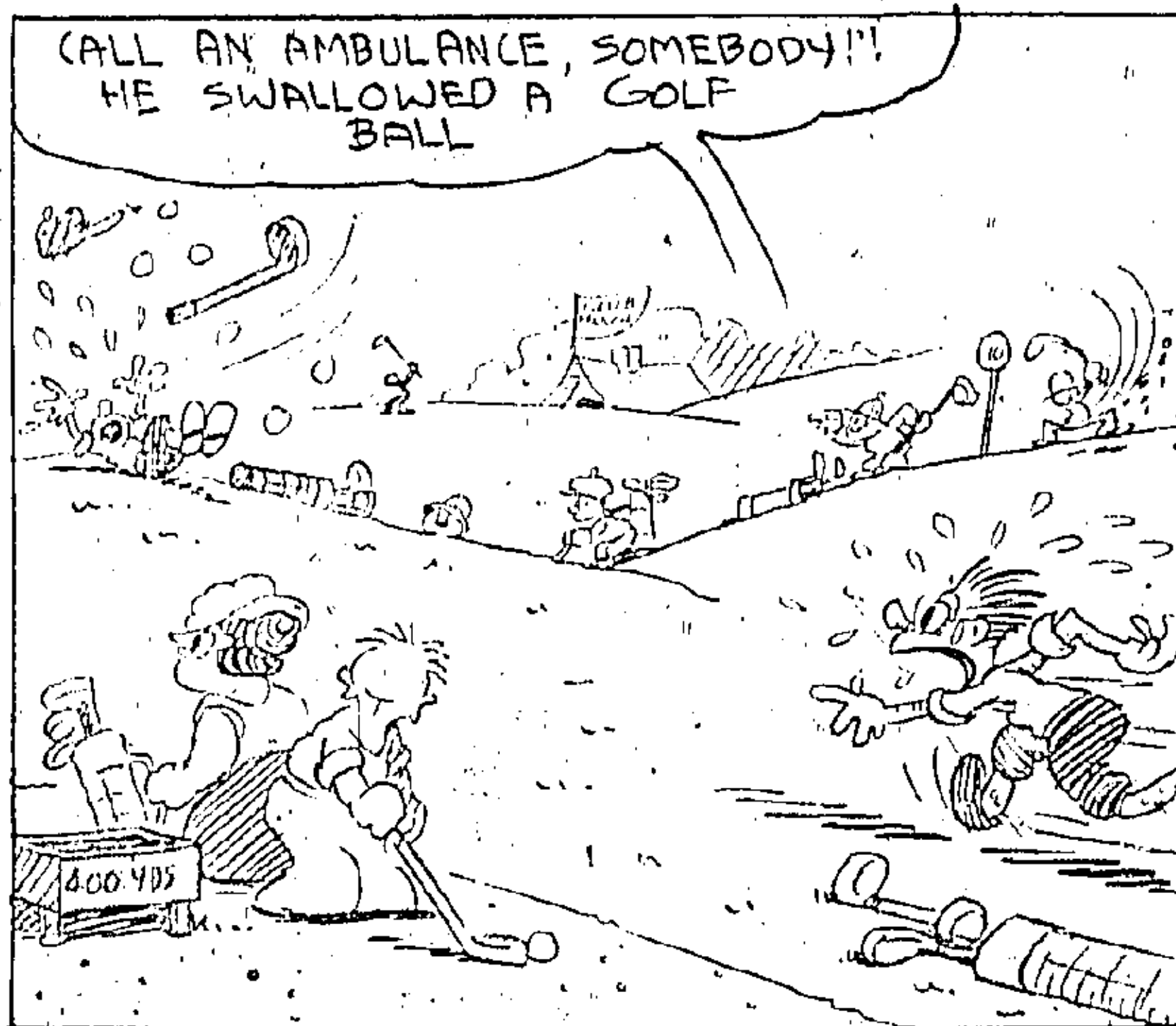
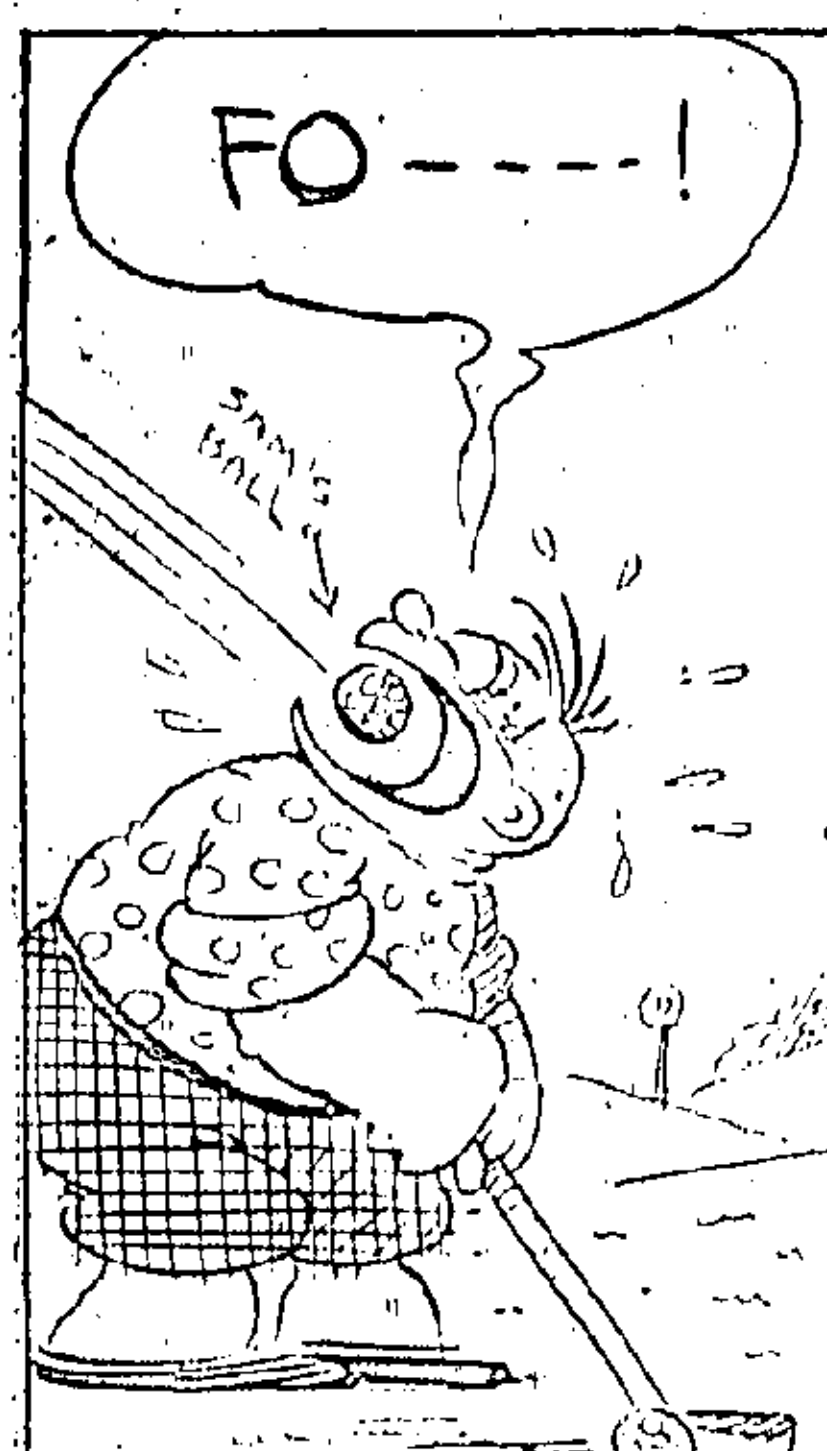
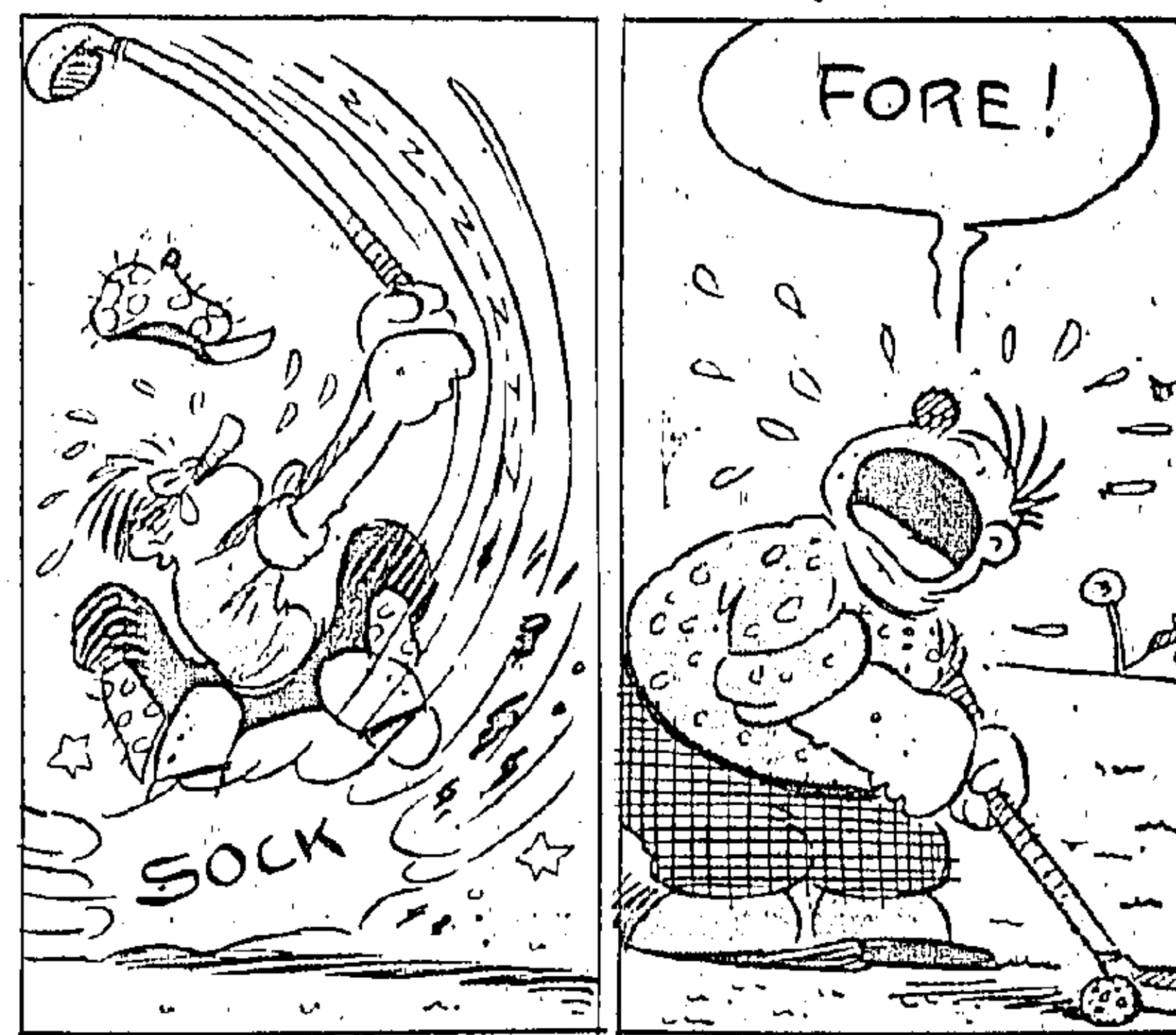
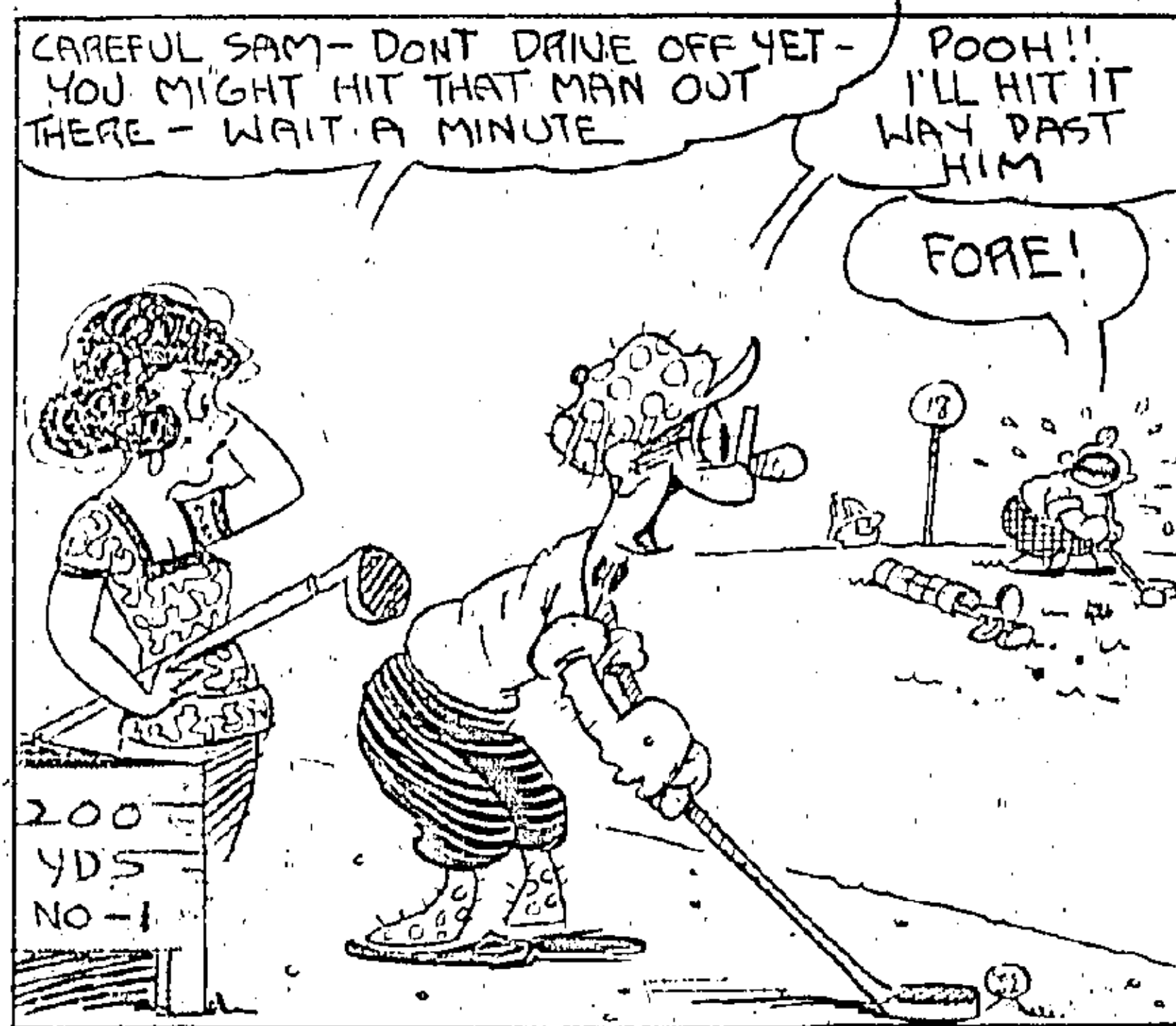
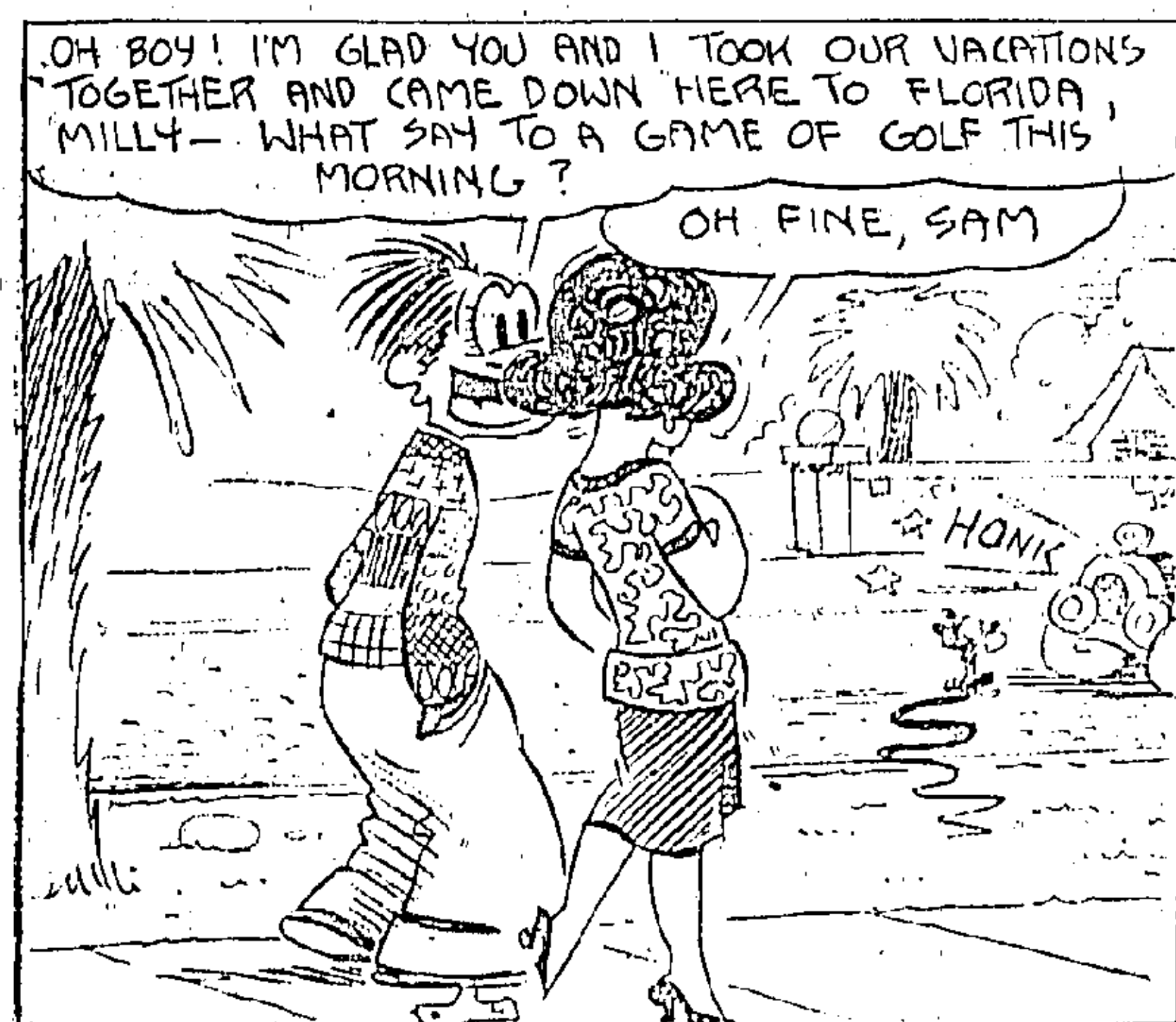
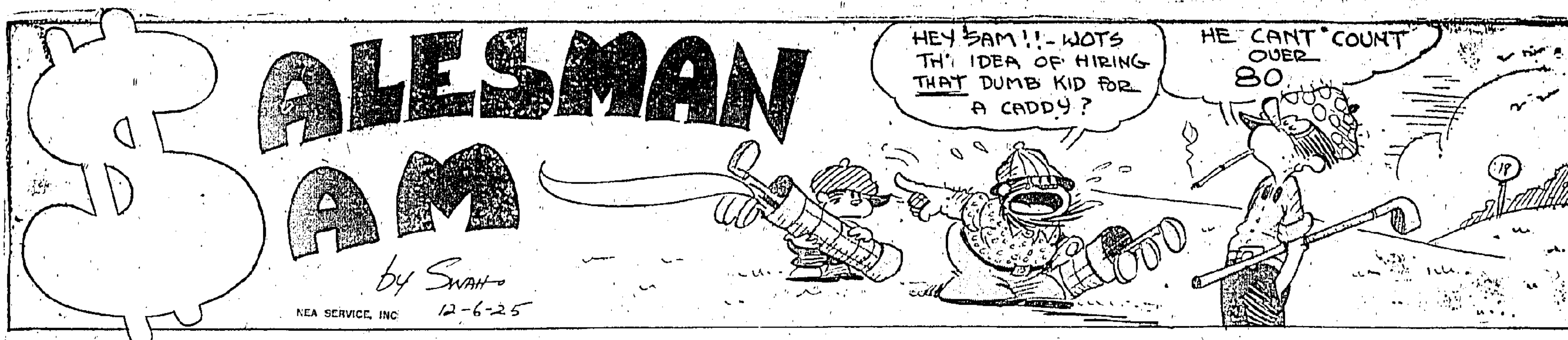
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LIGHT RAY AT WORK.

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Based upon a principle which revolutionized scientific thought, a device which utilizes the mechanical power of light rays and opens the way into an entirely new field of development has been made in the Research Laboratory of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, Pa.

The device is very simple. It consists of a radio tube of a highly special character, and ordinary door bell circuit, and an automobile headlight. The light from the headlight is concentrated upon the tube and under those circumstances an electric current flows through the plate for telephone circuit of the tube which holds open a switch in the bell circuit. With, however, the slightest interference in the intensity of the illumination of the tube, such as is caused by the shadow formed by a whiff of cigarette smoke, the current in the tube's plate circuit decreases, the switch closes, and the bell rings.

The discovery of the principle on which this device is based was one of the truly startling scientific events, since it altered prevailing ideas on the structure of matter and upset the classic wave theory of light.

It was found that when a ray of light falls upon certain metals, especially those of the so-called alkali group such as sodium and potassium, a stream of electrons is forced out. The electron stream, as everyone with a knowledge of radio engineering knows, constitutes an electric current. The current thus produced is very small, but by suitable amplifying apparatus its presence can be demonstrated through various laboratory experiments.

This "photo-electric" effect, because of the minuteness of the current, has heretofore remained a scientific curiosity, but through the invention of V. K. Zworykin of the Westinghouse Electric Research Laboratories, East Pittsburgh, it has now become possible to apply it practically.

IN PRACTICAL USE.

Mr. Zworykin's invention consists in adding a photo-electric element to what is practically a standard radio tube. The tube is elongated, and the electron-emitting metal, such as potassium is coated on the inside of the bulb. When light falls upon the sensitive coating, a flow of electrons is established, and this current is utilized to control the plate (or telephone) circuit of the tube.

By suitably selecting the electrical characteristics of the tube and the accompanying A, B and C batteries, Mr. Zworykin produces a device in which no current will flow through the tube's plate circuit when the sensitive metal film is in darkness, but as soon as light strikes this film the electrical barrier preventing the flow of current is removed and the current will flow through the plate circuit of the tube in proportion to the intensity of the light falling upon it.

In daylight or under an electric light the current flow thus produced is sufficient to operate a standard telegraph relay, which in turn can be arranged to control electric or other apparatus to any desired extent. By reversing connections the effect of the operation of the tube can be reversed, so that it will produce current in darkness, but will prevent current flow when fully illuminated.

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THE TANGO.

WILL IT CAPTURE
LONDON?

With the new dance-season well under way, the big charity balls, planned, clubs, cabarets, and restaurants crowded with dinner and after-theatre dancers, and scores of small private dances arranged for the next two months, it is possible to survey the progress of the new tango and its prospects, comments the dancing correspondent of a London paper.

How has it been received? Is it a suitable measure for English ballrooms? Can the bands play the somewhat difficult music? Do novices experience overwhelming difficulties? These are questions to which the *matrons*—who have to translate the dance vogue into terms of profit and loss—have been seeking answers. And the consensus of opinion to date is that with shrewd and patient guidance the tango will win a place in the dance programme, although it will be long before it filters into private ballrooms as a regular member of the English dance family.

It has not yet become alluring. It does not yet intoxicate and fascinate, like the foxtrot—set shoulders moving and toes tapping to an inescapable rhythm. But, then, at first the foxtrot music we used to call it jazz then, and rough stuff it was—did not capture the million. It required getting used to. The ear and physical chords did not at once respond easily. And it is the same with the tango, only more so. At first the music, with its monotonous, steady rhythm, its apparently unnecessary loudness and unvarying timbre, only bores, because the unaccustomed muscles cannot instinctively translate it into terms of physical response.

SPECIAL BANDS.

Foxtrot bands seldom play the tango in such a manner as to allure the dancers. The authentic tango instruments—guitar, mandolin, concertina, heavy violin—are needed to distill the essential tango atmosphere into the ballroom. They have found at the Savoy that the tango band, brought over from Paris and the Cannes and Deauville Casinos, has increased the tango crowd more than 100 per cent. in a month. Most of the other fashionable places either have their tango bands now or are getting them over; and I have noticed a marked increase in the number of tango couples on all the floors where the tango is a regular item in the dance programme. The broadcasting of tango music and of tango talks—and even of instruction—must all have had an influence.

The various difficulties anticipated seem not to have materialised to any great extent. Between finished deftness and competent movement only there is a great gulf; but, still, one sees an astonishingly small number of awkward tangoers. Mr. Scott Atkinson, who won the world's tango championship, told me that the steps can be acquired in three minutes, but that it takes some little time to get into the swing of the tango rhythm. Miss Nancy Bramall, who won the foxtrot championship, and may be said to represent the foxtrot dancer's outlook on the new dance, opined that a season's tango dancing should make the dance as easy and pleasant to do, as natural indeed, as the foxtrot is now. Mr. Maxwell Stuart and Miss Barbara Miles, the world's foxtrot champions, who have been demonstrating the steps for the cinema, think that everything depends upon the bands. There are very good tango pieces—most by French composers.

When it came over here tentatively in 1922 the new tango had fourteen steps. Those were cut at the beginning of this season to five; and now one, the lace step, has by general consent been cut out, leaving only the tango walk, the half-turn, the side promenade, and the link step. The latter links on to the walk again, so that a smooth, effortless, progressive dance is effected, which can be done just as comfortably in crowded ballrooms as the foxtrot with its convenient stand-still steps. The whole four steps of the tango can be done neatly in a line a foot wide and eight feet long, and pauses can be made at any stage in a crush.

new field. Scientists who are familiar with the tube believe that it will form the practical basis by means of which the transmission of actual scenes by moving pictures by radio will eventually be possible.

"ARMS" SWINDLE.

CONTAINING BRICKS
AND STRAW.

Details are available of the amazing alleged swindle of Chinese by foreigners who pretended to sell them arms, purported to be in cases which were found to contain bricks and straw. The cases are now in the hands of the police, reports the *North-China Daily News*.

It appears that at 5.30 on the evening of the 9th instant a lorry and four coolies were ordered to proceed to an address in North Honan Road, Shanghai. The lorry was met by a tall foreigner and some Chinese standing on the footpath outside the house. From the rear entrance of an alleyway house near at hand the coolies removed on to the lorry 12 wooden cases. The coolies' services were then dispensed with.

The driver was told to go to Haskell Road. Here another foreigner, aged about 40 years, of small stature and with a moustache, got into a small covered car. The two vehicles, with the lorry in front, drove off in the direction of Jessfield railway station. When just past Nanyang University gate, the driver of the lorry was told to stop, while the motor-car went on, pulling up further down Siccawoi Road.

At this point apparently all would have gone well had it not been for the loquacity of the Chinese clients. The foreigner held a noisy consultation with them. Eventually the driver was told to go on to Hungjiao. As he was turning into Hungjiao Road from Avenue Haig, the foreign passenger and his Chinese friends jumped off the lorry. Whether they got into the motor-car or were chasing it, the lorry driver was subsequently unable to say. The lorry returned to its garage. When employees of the garage opened the cargo it was found to consist of bricks and straw, tightly packed.

It is believed that when the foreigner on board the lorry jumped off it he was endeavouring to escape to the car, in order that the Chinese might not ill-treat him on discovering that they had been swindled.

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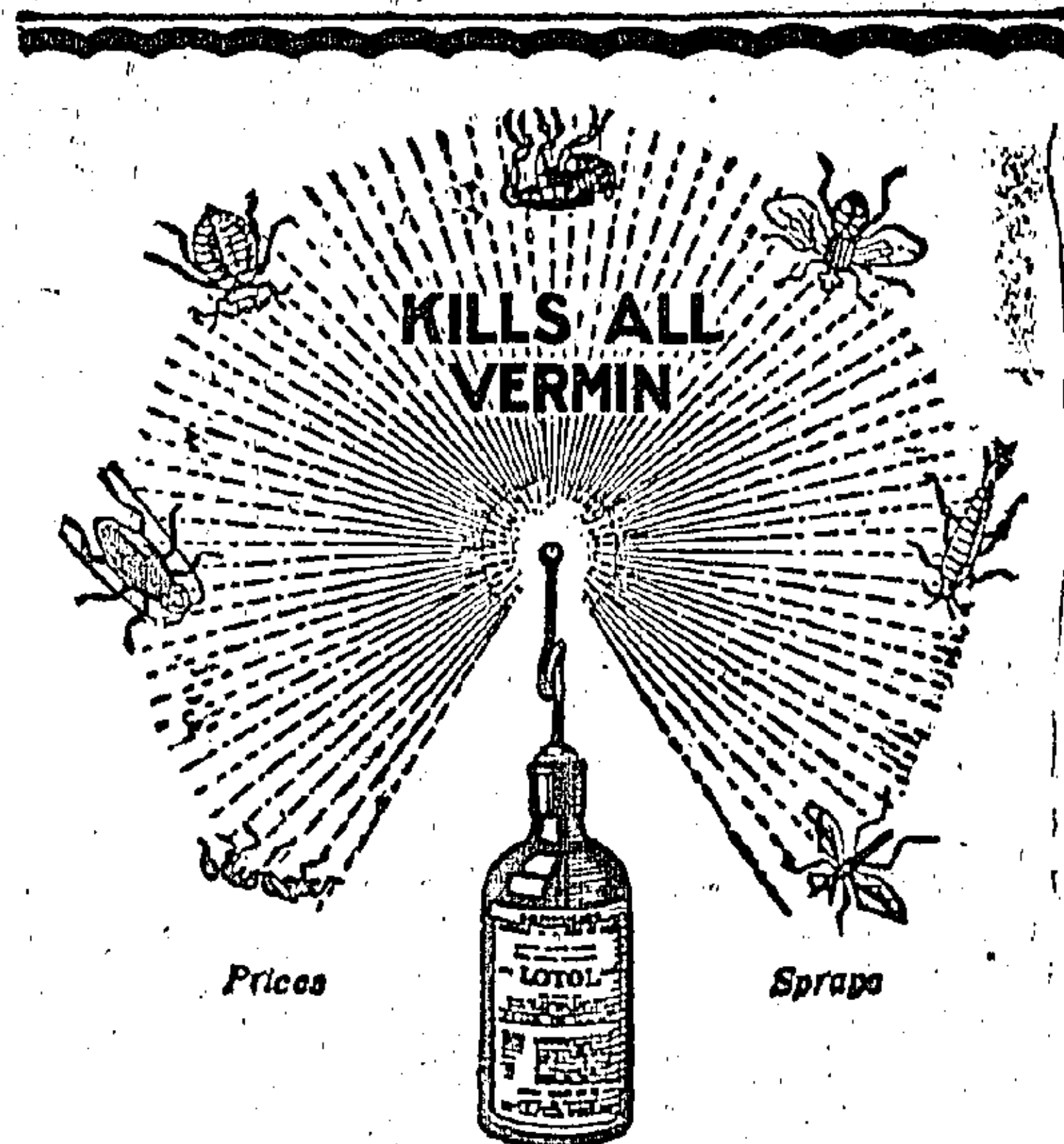
RELAXATION OF
CENSORSHIP SOUGHT.

Relaxation of the censorship on Biblical plays in which Christ is a character is to be sought by the British Drama League.

At the league's conference at Birmingham recently, at which this decision was reached, Mr. Ahler, of Huddersfield, said an immense amount of good would come of the performance of John Masefield's "Trial of Jesus." Mr. Davis, of Grantham, said the censorship should be abolished.

The chairman, Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth, said he imagined the censor would still have jurisdiction over blasphemies if relaxation were granted. One member said he had produced religious plays for 12 years.

The conference decided to send a company of Community Players to the New York amateur competition.



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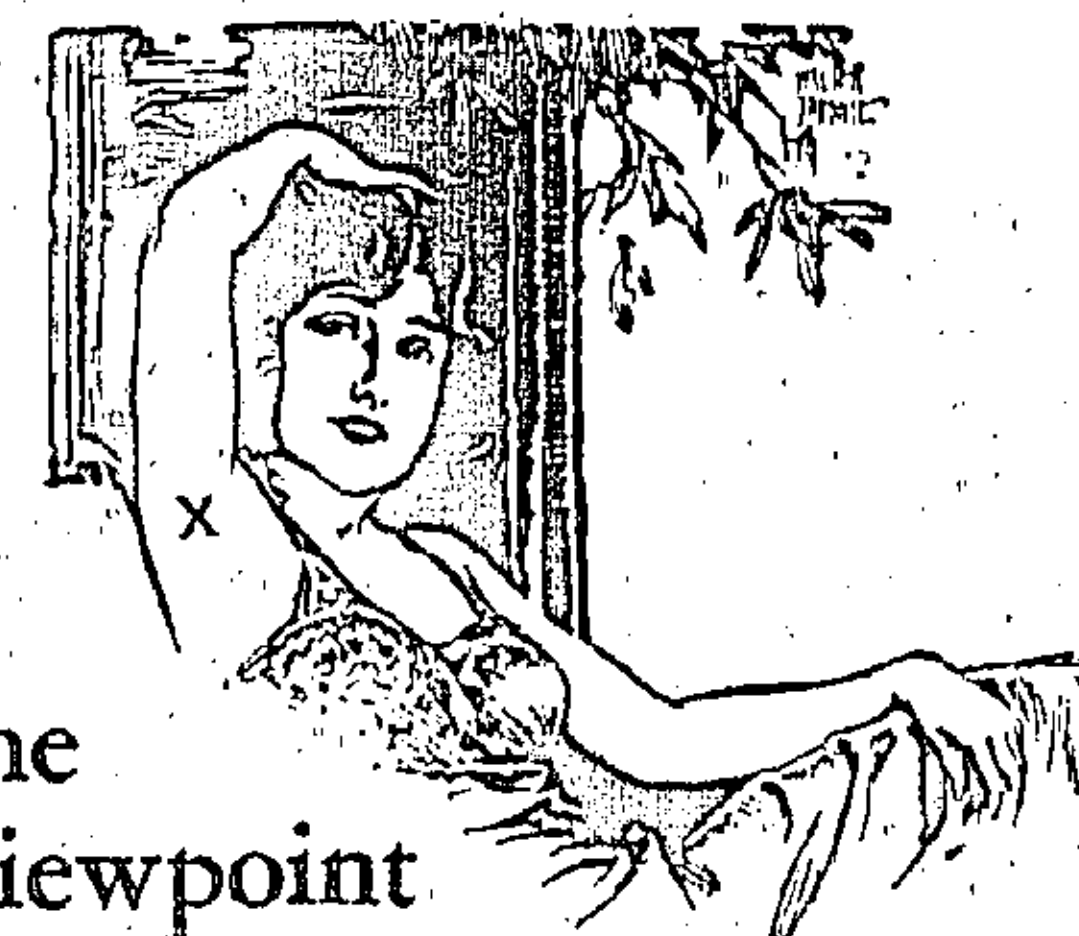
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CUSHIONS FOR THE BED.

The fashionable fad for having a bed which resembles a beautiful divan covered with gorgeous cushions by day is still popular, but the cushions have undergone a change. Wonderful decorative effects are still to be seen, but the newest designs are fragile rather than fantastic. Shirred chiffons, lovely scraps of lace and ribbons have taken the place of the more flaunting affairs of curly ostrich fronds and gay velvets. To match these the bedspread and eiderdowns are also fairlike. All the delicate shades of blush rose and forget-me-not are sought after. A bedspread of pale pink satin was adorned with an inlet pattern of heavy lace, finished with a wide flounce of pink satin. The pillows to match these luxuries were covered with pink satin, adorned as the bedspread with an inlet pattern of lace.

SCENTED FURS.

Since the war the science of synthetic scents has become one of the most important branches of the chemical industry.

At the moment, as winter approaches says a writer in a Home Journal, it is concerning itself with increasing the variety of those perfumes which are specially applicable to furs. Only certain scents are suitable for use on furs, and the task of the artist-perfumer is to experiment until he creates these mysterious blends.

More than ever is there a demand for them to-day. For the modern woman covers herself with fur skins which are sometimes dyed in morbid hues; and her short-haired skirt of furs gives her the appearance of a ballerina, or a savage dancer of some African tribe. As her legs are coloured yellow, pink, or grey, and stick out like those of a bird, the effect is certainly amusing.

Can it be that evolution is about to take a new turn? It seems so. For everywhere during the coming winter we shall see exotic specimens, exotically scented, representing different varieties of a quite new species of human-animal. It may be that we are on the eve of the discovery of the missing link.

THE IMPORTANT FAN.

Fans always return to favour in the autumn. Again ostrich feathers in every variety are most in demand, but lovely affairs of cocks' plumage, either clipped short and arranged in some original fashion or long and straggling, are this season's novelties. Generally speaking, all models are large, but devoid of floating fringe. The exotic peacock feather fan is reappearing, also an innocent-looking white variety, which makes a lovely accompaniment to a coloured gown.

Quaint old painted designs recall bygone stories, and there are tiny folding fans of gauze, covered with pictures.

On the same lines are iridescent fans of fragile net, a little moonlit scene or temple being suggested with a few silk threads and glittering sequins. Paillette butterflies, on fans cut that shape, are popular, and these are usually embroidered with opal shaded beads.

Mother-of-pearl seems to be the favourite mount, or some old jewel-encrusted handle, into which the fan is fitted.

White lace fans with handles of ivory sometimes match Spanish combs that are worn when the hair is long, smooth and dressed in a narrow coil on the neck. The lace that is used is very decorative, showing a large, decided pattern. There are also fans of black lace and of silver and gold lace.

The importance of the fan is emphasised by the fact that it must enhance the effect of the owner's frock.



Barbara La Marr is fighting hard to "come back" into the movie popularity she once enjoyed. She blames her slipping from the limelight on the insistence of her former directors that she play sex and vampire roles. A new film by Barbara will appear shortly.

BUTTONED DOWN THE BACK.

A charming frock of bois de rose charmeuse, seen at a recent dress show, fastened down the back, the buttons, which matched the frock exactly, being large and noticeable. The fastening was placed slightly towards the right shoulder, which gave a very novel effect. It finished just above the natural waist-line.

Paris promises us all sorts of quaint arrangements of buttons and buttonholes at the backs of the new frocks, but it is to be wondered whether the average woman will follow this fashion.

SHOE ORNAMENTS.

If you wish to be conventional, you choose a little garland of handpainted flowers or some butterflies ornamenting the outer sides of your kid shoes. More eccentric novelties are strappings of matching velvet. A velvet bow appears also on the instep.

Shoes of shot patent leather are adorned with a little tartan bow. Shoes of lavender or bois de rose kid are adorned with tiny rosettes, and the still popular beige model is rendered uncommon with a binding of silver. More fantastical than all these are two tremendous rubies of great value placed on the instep of a pair of black kid shoes. Other expensive luxury models are adorned with straps of pearls and heels studded with crystal.

TRAVELLING KIT.

Modern woman's travelling outfit is complete with suit, hat, shoes, handbag and matching valise. The suits are invariably of the three-piece variety—jumper, short skirt and cape. Fur, which is really not intended for travelling, has been ignored, and instead all the different kinds of snake and lizard skins have been utilised (dyed any colour), to say nothing of applications of more ordinary suede. One lovely mid-night blue pilot cloth model had a short skirt trimmed with a narrow band of matching suede bordered with blue crocodile. This also fashioned the inlet pleats, and the cape was to match. The hat and bag were a combination of blue suede and crocodile, and the Russian boots were of the same suede, with crocodile strappings. To complete this masterpiece there was a blue crocodile valise, and a suede travelling rug bound with crocodile.

TO KEEP THE HIPS SLIM.

To make and keep the hips slim and prevent "spreading," practise the two following exercises, each for at least five minutes morning and night.

1.—Take a hassock and place it in the middle of the room, where it will be possible to swing the leg as far as it can go without coming into contact with the furniture. Stand on the hassock with left foot only, letting the right leg hang limply at the side. Then swing the leg outwards as far as it will go, then backwards as far as possible. Repeat five times, then change over. Stand on the hassock with the right leg and swing the left in the same way, swinging forwards and backwards five times. Keep up this exercise for at least five minutes, changing from leg to leg after each five swings backwards and forwards.

2.—Push away the hassock, but remain in the middle of the room. Stand with the body erect, head thrown back, and rest the hands on the hips. Raise the right leg and kick as high as possible, resting the weight of the body on the left leg. Return the right foot to the ground and rise on the toes with both feet. Return to original position, that is, both feet planted firmly on the ground, and kick out with the left leg. Continue the exercise, changing from leg to leg, for at least five minutes.

Both these exercises must be practised unhampered by a skirt of any kind. Persevered with for six weeks regularly night and morning, they will reduce the hips measurements very considerably.



Hats are being uplifted as the winter approaches.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

While smartness and distinction of line are still more to be desired than rubies, there is a satisfying tendency to achieve the beautiful and artistic without sacrificing the outline we have perfected.

In hats, for instance, the small model still leads for all daytime occasions; but it is no longer confined to black or conservative colours, and no longer exclusively felt.

The newest hats are in velvet and velvet in lovely shades of coral, burgundy and royal blue, and are worn with the basket coloured top coat which is one of the most popular innovations of the winter season. Trimmed in light coloured, fluffy fur, these wraps are not only youthful and chic but extremely flattering.

In evening gowns, the whole tendency is toward richness of colour and fabric and distinction.

The fashionable woman has now adopted the pajama as the most desirable house attire for an informal tea hour, and these suits are being developed in as gorgeous fabrics and colour combinations as the regular evening gown.

TO WASH SHETLAND WOOL.

Make a good lather with shredded soap and boiling water, then add cold water until the lather is pleasantly warm to the hands. Put the shawl in, squeezing and kneading it, then immerse in a second lather of the same temperature. Continue squeezing and kneading; then rinse in clear warm water. Squeeze out the water, wrap the shawl in an old towel, and beat with the hands to extract further moisture. Finally, pin out flat on a sheet to finish drying.

BEADED UMBRELLA HANDLES.

The new umbrellas are small but by no means unimportant. On the contrary, they are coloured in all the prettiest and most fashionable tones, and very often they are shaded.

Handles are big, frequently of wood roughly carved to represent birds or beasts or even human figures. Beaded handles are a novelty. They can scarcely be called practical perhaps, but multi-coloured beads look just right when they cover the handle of a shaded silk umbrella.

BEAUTY SECRETS OF FAMOUS BEAUTIES: 16.



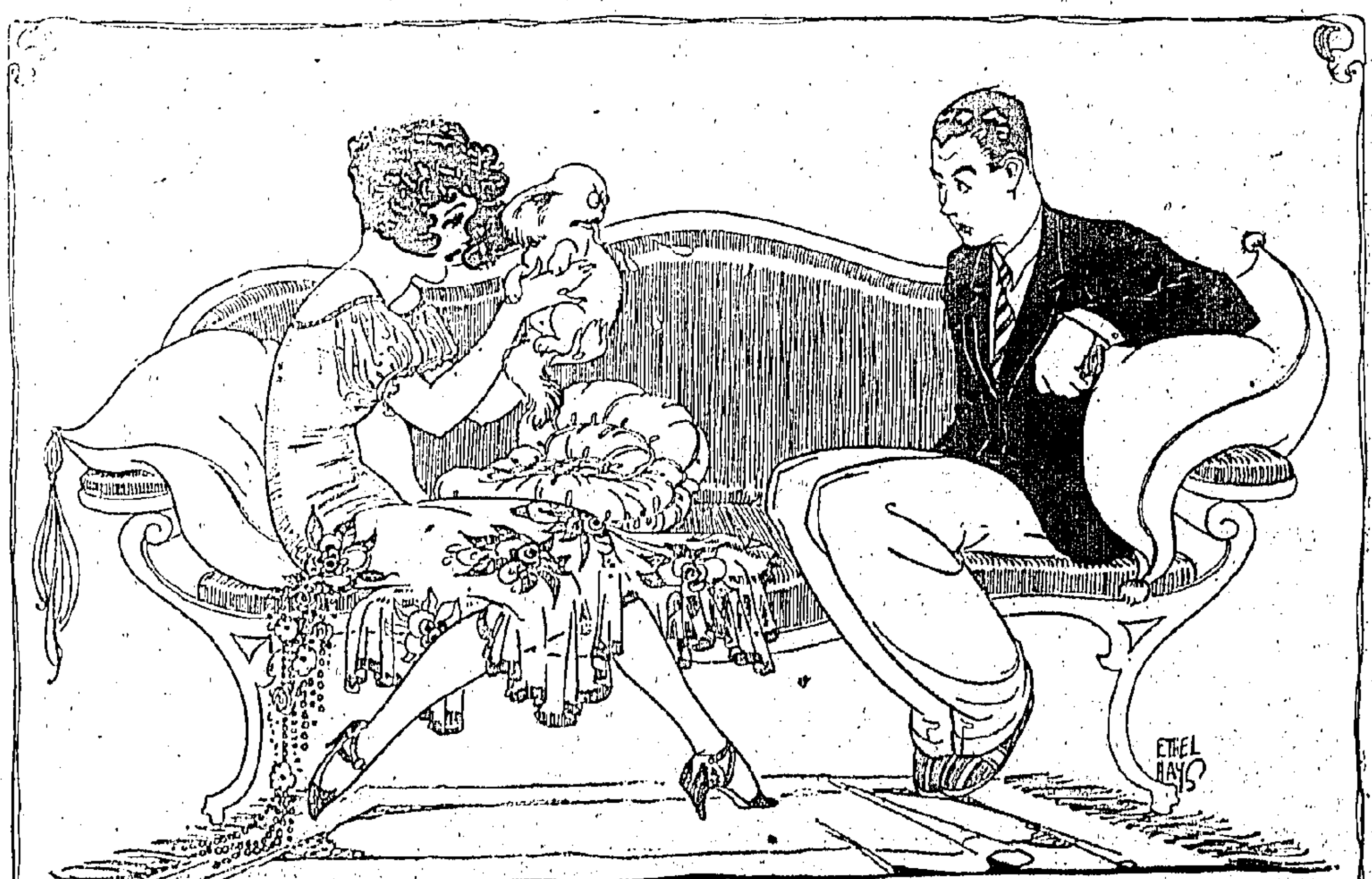
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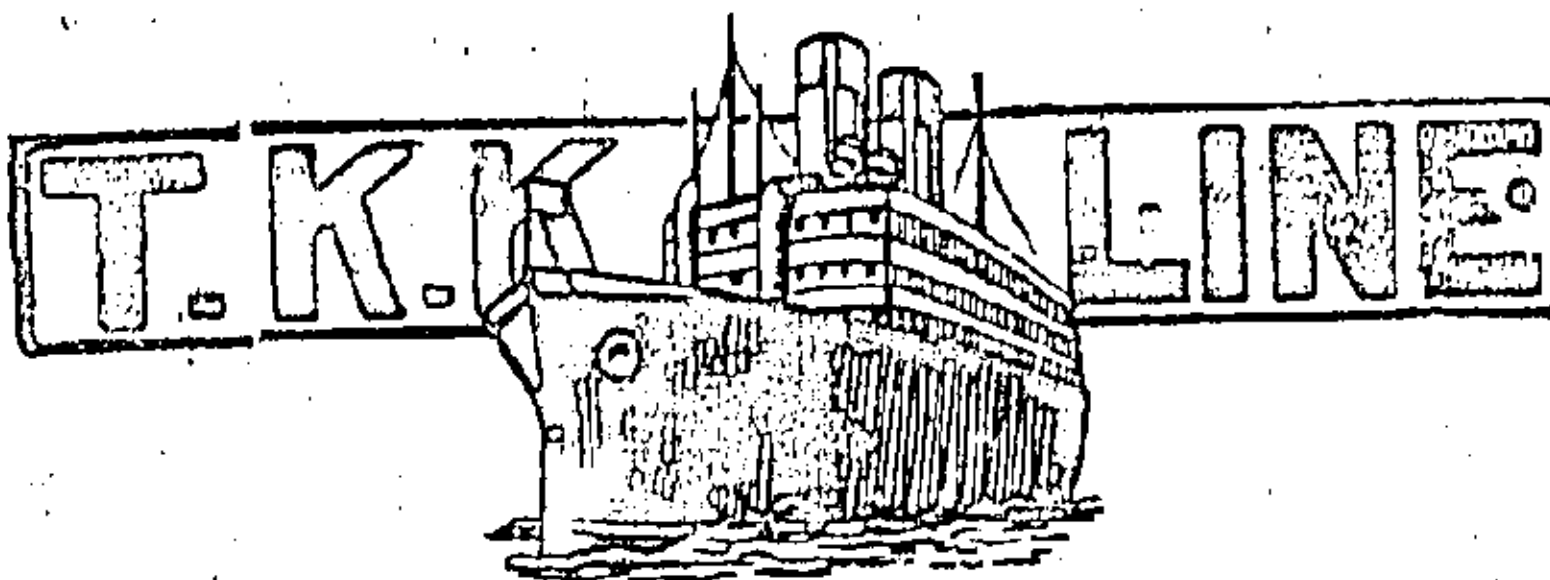
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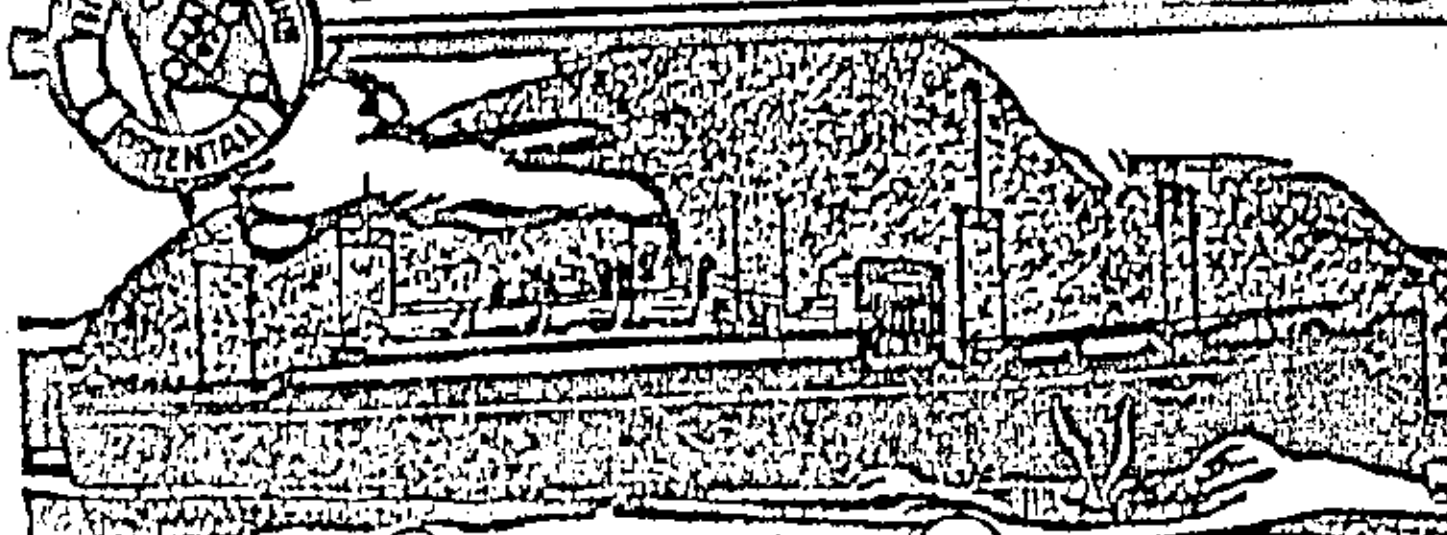
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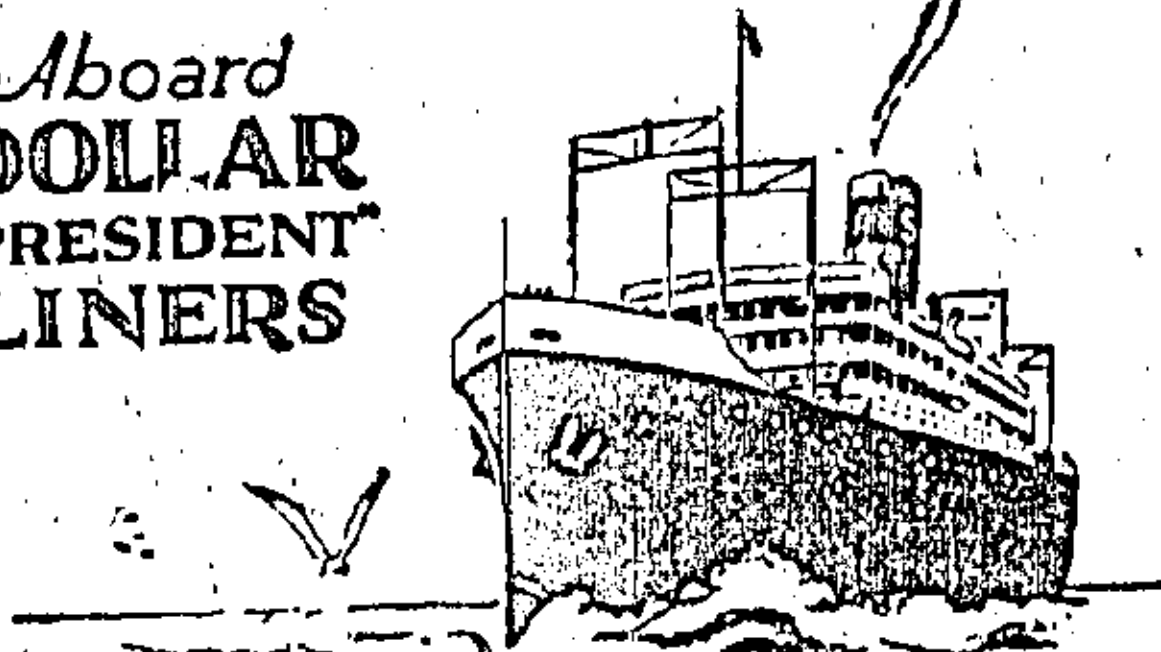
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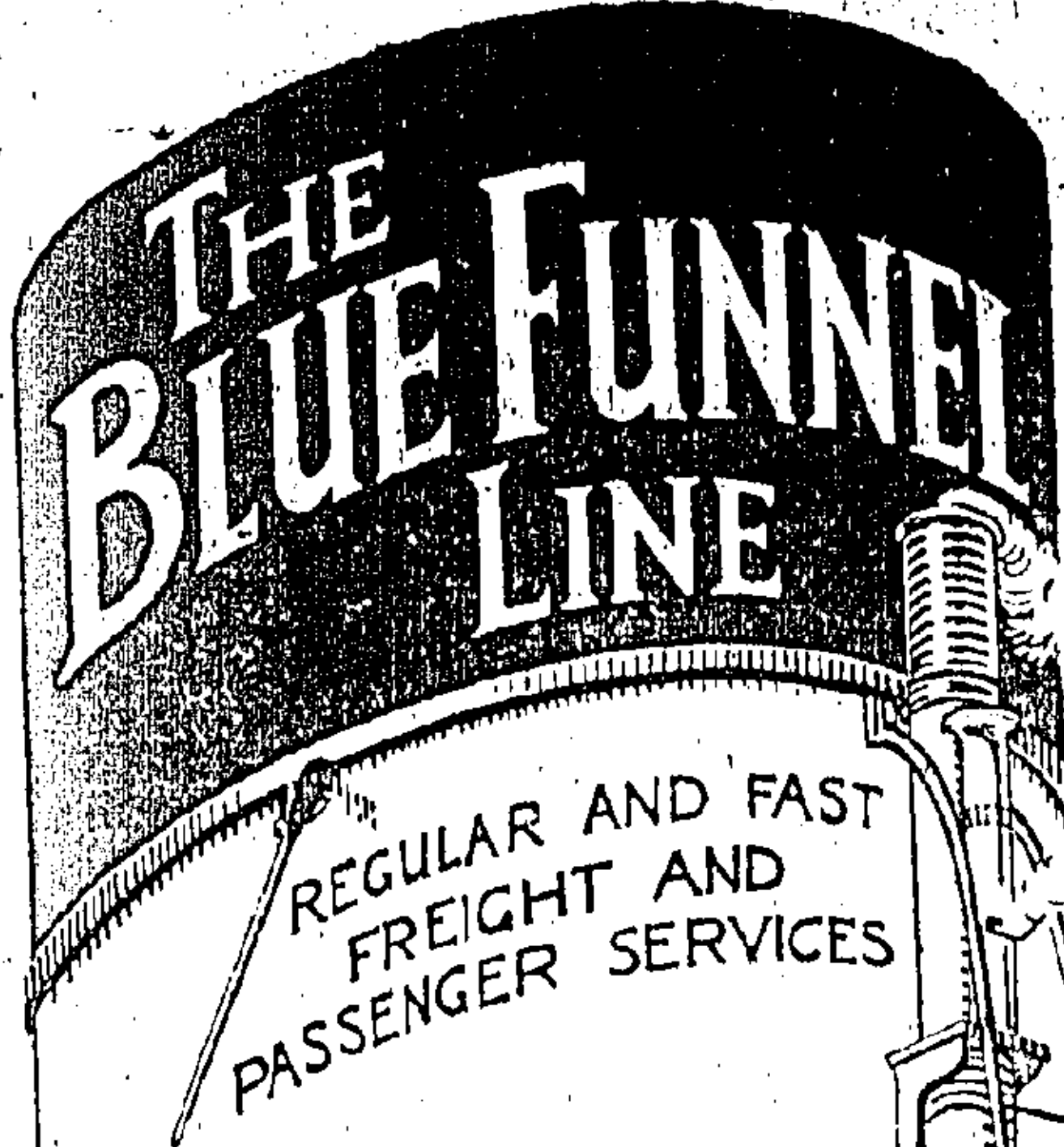
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Lileusssineussczaszoz Willib minizzssuicizii Hurrizzissteizii of Polson, California, has been ordered to be deported by the American Government as an undesirable citizen, according to the "Southern Timberman" His name, consisting of 60 letters, is considered the longest in the world. "Any linotype operator can tell you how undesirable he is," the Timberman comments.

The body of an Oxford undergraduate, found on the railway line between Byfleet and Woking, has been identified as that of Walter Allen Pate, aged twenty-one, of Woodmancote, West Byfleet. He should have returned to Oxford in a few days. It is believed that he was taking a short cut over the line on his way to Woking, and was knocked down by a train.

RE-DISCOVERED COMET.

WILL 1925 BREAK THE
RECORD?

In 1843 the late M. Faye, of the Paris Observatory, discovered a comet the period of revolution round the sun of which was found to be seven and a half years. Faye's Comet, as it was called, punctually made its reappearance every seven and a half years until the spring of 1896. Its next appearance was due in the autumn of 1903, but nothing was seen of it, which was attributed to the fact, pointed out by Dr. Strongren, that after its appearance in 1896 it passed close to the big planet Jupiter, the attraction of which considerably changed its previous orbit, so much indeed that its visit to the earth in 1903 took place in the summer instead of the autumn, and it slipped past unobserved because no one was then looking for it.

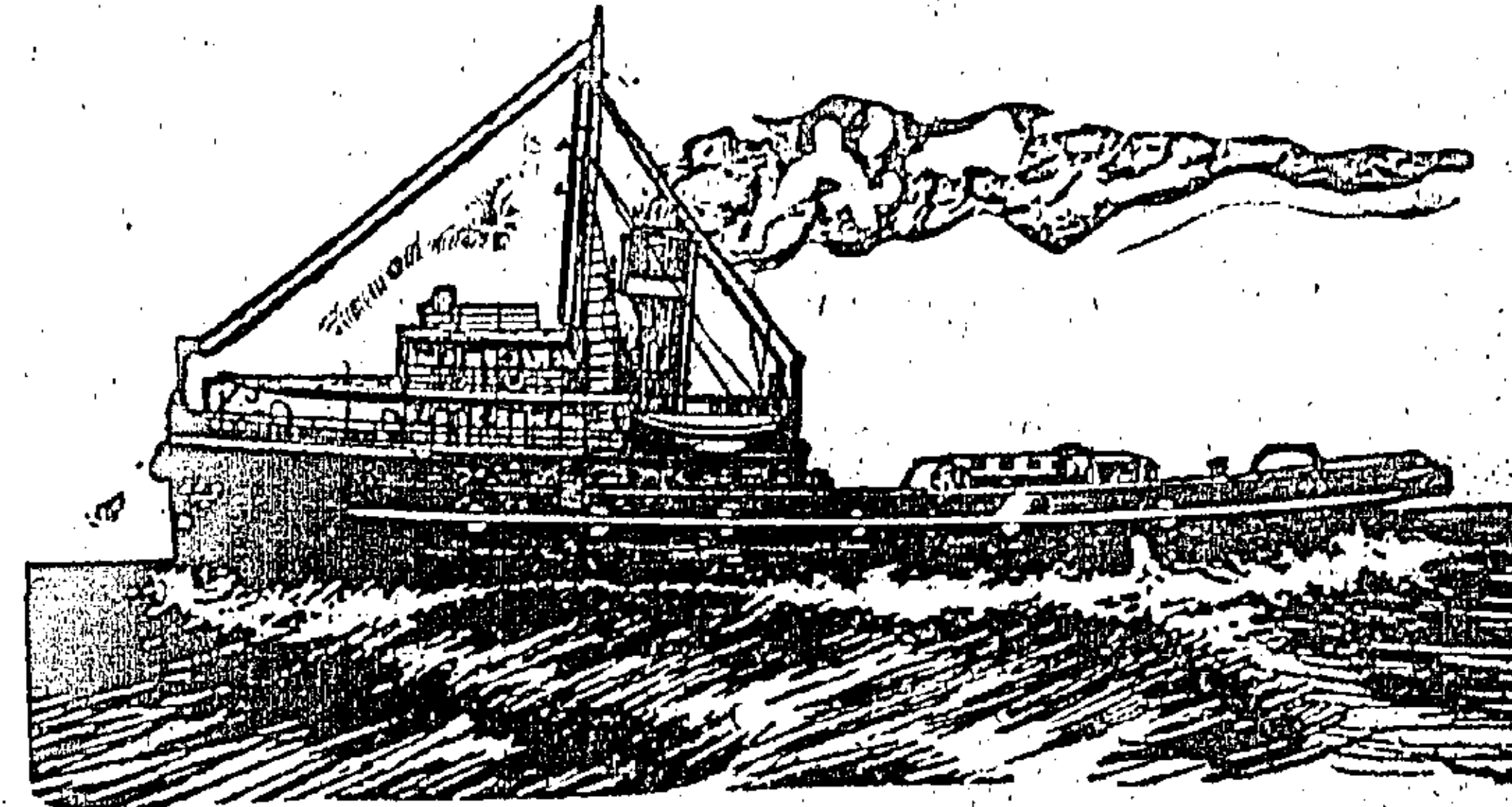
The new orbit deduced by Dr. Strongren showed that it should turn up again at the end of 1910, and in November of that year it was rediscovered by an Italian astronomer at Teramo, thus confirming Dr. Strongren's theory concerning the influence of Jupiter. In 1918, when it was again due to visit the earth, it again eluded all search for it, and some eminent mathematicians re-calculated its elements in the hope of tracking it down this year. One of those who tackled the problem with special reference to the Jupiter perturbations, was Mr. Cripps, a member of the British Astronomical Association, and it is very creditable to his mathematical skill that Dr. Baade, of the Hamburg Observatory, has just succeeded in rediscovering the comet almost in the exact place indicated by Mr. Cripps. The region of the sky through which it has been passing has been several times photographed at Hamburg this year, and since its rediscovery these plates have been examined, and the comet has been found on one taken as early as August 20.

This is the fifth periodic comet rediscovered this year, the others being the Tempel II, Borrelly, Wolff, and Brooks comets. In addition, four new comets have been found, one in Russia, one in S. Africa, one in Poland, and the fourth, also in Russia, at Kharkov; but the last is somewhat doubtful, as, though its discoverer announced it to be visible to the naked eye, no one else has yet seen it.

Nine comets in one year is very exceptional. That number was discovered in 1886, and in 1891 ten made their appearance. As two more periodic comets should return before December 31—the Tempel Swift and Schorr comets—there is every prospect that this year will set up a new comet-finding record, and if these two are rediscovered and one new comet, 1925 will end with a dozen to its credit, a number never before reached in the history of astronomy.

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LAHORE	5,252	24th Jan.	S'pore, P'ang & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, P'ang, C'be & B'bay
MALWA	10,944	6th Feb.	M's, London & Antwerp
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KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M's, London & Antwerp
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Straits	Sicilia	December 28
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Haihow and Haihow	Lok Sun	Sun., Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Sun., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Szechuen, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sun., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Szechuen	Mon., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tues., Dec. 29, Noon
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Kashima Maru	Tues., Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Thesus	Tues., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
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Szechuen	Hinsang	Wed., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kanchow	Wed., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haihow	Kiangchow	Thurs., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Fook Sang	Fri., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Pres. Wilson	Sat., Jan. 2, Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., U.S.A. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., Jan. 4, Noon
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While preachers all over the world are blaming Sunday diversions, principally motoring and golf, for small attendance at church services, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is seventy-seven years old, told the British Church Congress recently that the main trouble lay with the fact that preachers had failed to keep abreast in intelligence with the people to whom they were trying to preach.

He mentioned Sunday pleasure-seekers as a deterrent to better church attendance, but added, "Personally, I put among the first causes the fact that our average Church of England sermons have not kept pace with the educational advance or with the average man and woman's interests in all sorts of human knowledge and world affairs. The increased intelligence, thoughtfulness and knowledge possessed by the average citizen, male and female, calls peremptorily for something better."

The Archbishop's world came as a surprise to the 1,000 members of the congress gathered for their annual meeting at Eastbourne, notwithstanding that they had already been aroused by a series of newspaper articles from the pens of some of England's greatest literary lights on the subject of what they believe in religion.

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Outside of the United States, which boasts of 105,710,620, and Germany which has 62,474,872, Japan has the largest number of inhabitants among the civilized nations of the world.

Of the total population of the Empire, there are 30,012,820 men and 29,723,884 women.

The Prefecture of Tokyo leads the Empire with 4,484,845, Osaka Prefecture running a close second with 3,059,502.

Of the principal cities in the country, the City of Osaka has assumed undisputed leadership as regards numbers with 2,114,808. Tokyo comes next with 1,995,303. Nagoya runs third with 768,560. Kyoto and Kobe are running neck and neck with 679,976 and 644,212 respectively.

The Prefecture of Tokyo is the most densely populated with 32,029 per square ri.

TRADE REVIVAL.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

The Prince of Wales has promised to attend a dinner to be given by the Government on February 15 to celebrate the opening of the British Industries Fair.

The dinner will afford the opportunity for a representative gathering of exhibitors at the Fair and of important buyers from abroad, to whom the Government will extend their hospitality.

Although the King and Queen have made a practice of visiting previous British Industries Fairs, this is the first time a member of the Royal Family has consented to be present at any official function connected with the Fair.

It must be interesting to those associated with the establishment of the Fair, which of late years has done so much for British trade, to hear from Sydney that steps are being taken by leading citizens for setting up a permanent institution of this kind.

Representations have been made to Senator Wilson, chairman of the Australian Commission, to induce him to convene an early meeting of his colleagues with a view to communicating with the British Government. There is a considerable body of feeling in the Commonwealth that unless the Wembley display is used as a starting point of a constant advertising campaign its cost will ultimately be regarded as almost wasted.

FAMOUS PEACE MONUMENT.

ITALIAN PLANS TO REBUILD.

Italians plan to rebuild that monument to peace, the Ara Pacis, which was erected by the Roman Senate to commemorate the return of the Emperor Octavianus Augustus from victorious campaigns in Gaul and Spain on the Campus Martius. Scattered fragments which have been placed in museums will be collected and excavations at Palazzo Fiano will be resumed on a large scale in the hope of recovering the remaining pieces of the altar which are believed to be still buried there, and finally the original monument will be reconstructed. Serious difficulties will certainly be encountered in work of excavation, for the undiscovered parts of the Ara Pacis are thought to lie 18 feet below the street level. The influx of spring water will probably greatly hamper the work.

It was in the year 13 B. C. that the Roman Senators decided to erect a monument in honour of the victorious emperor. Augustus, however, declined the honour and ordered that the monument be recorded in a long epigraph dictated by the emperor himself, a copy of which was found carved on the walls of the small temple of Ancyra.

Great Work of Art.

The Ara Pacis, as the many references made to it in ancient literature show, was a really great work, a colossal altar. Roman art, which at the time of the erection of the Ara Pacis had already assimilated the teachings of the Greek school, made here its supreme effort, and no doubt this monument, for its workmanship and design, was one of the most exquisite artistic productions of the Golden Age.

The altar was set in the midst of a marble inclosure, 45 feet in length and breadth, and it is the inclosing wall which has yielded all the remains which now exist. This wall was carved all over in low relief. Outside, the ornament was divided into two portions; above, a row of figures in procession, about three-quarters life-size, on their way to meet the victorious emperor, all crowned with laurel and bearing branches of olive in their hands; below was a charming design of flowers typifying the fertility of the earth. The inside was decorated with pilasters and festoons between them, and behind the altar was a niche for a statue. The monument was reached by a flight of steps from the Via Flaminia, the present Corso.

The destruction of the Ara Pacis may be counted among the great vandalism of the Middle Ages. The cause may perhaps be attributed to the fact that until the end of the fourth century the Senate and the Vestal Virgins continued to celebrate on the altar the yearly sacrifices prescribed by the Emperor Octavianus. While pagan temples remained more or less untouched, except for the removal of the idols, this particular altar, dedicated to the Goddess of Peace, was completely and deliberately demolished.

Destruction, a Vandalism.

It was only in the fifteenth century during excavations in the courtyard of Palazzo Ottoboni (now known as Palazzo Fiano) that many fragments were found, but these were scattered among various museums. Further discoveries were made in the same place in 1858, and all these fragments are now to be seen in different museums in Italy, in Paris, and in Vienna.

The largest and most important of these bas-reliefs in Italy are to be found in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. They are four in number, and the one with the veiled person, supposed to be the Emperor Augustus, is regarded as the most beautiful of all.

Another bas-relief in the Vatican Museum represents the great procession going to the altar of the goddess, and there are represented the important personages and the magistrates of that time with their suite. There are eleven figures in this fragment: first of all, two victors followed by two praetors, and behind a "Camillus" with an "acerra" (small coffer for incense); then others, also in toga. Excavations in 1903 gave much material to the museum delle Terme in Rome.

LIFTS FOR COTTAGES.

EIGHT-STOREY HOUSING SCHEME.

There is bound to be an increased demand for stoolwork, and for lifts, if the present plans for building cottages in Stepney are approved by the local Council and by the Ministry of Health. At the request of the local Housing Committee, Major Harry Barnes, the senior vice president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, has collaborated with Mr. W. R. Davidge, a London architect and town-planner, in preparing a lay-out plan to build 480 two-storey cottages on eight floors on Limehouse Fields, reports the building trade correspondent of a Home paper.

These plans are unique, and are already causing keen controversy among architects and town-planners. They represent a new conception for providing accommodation for artisans on an area that has been cleared of slums. It is not the place here to consider the relative advantages of building high with those of the garden city, but it is of interest to note that one of the authors of the scheme, Mr. Davidge, was formerly chairman of the Executive Committee of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association. Both he and Major Barnes insist repeatedly in their reports that the garden city is their ideal, but for rehousing displaced tenants in a slum area they claim that their plan has the advantage that all of them can find a home near.

The scheme is certainly worthy of study by all those interested in engineering, for it is obvious that in the construction of these buildings large quantities of steelwork will be required. The plan, in which Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, is personally interested, if accepted in Stepney, is bound to be imitated in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and other industrial centres. The design completely meets the difficulty of securing for every house, even if the total height of the building is 80 feet, direct access of sunlight. Out of approximately ten acres that may be cleared, only 1.62 of an acre will be used for building. All the remainder will be open spaces. The main quadrangle, for example, will be about the size of Bloomsbury Square.

Disadvantages of Tenements.

The scheme is not for the creation of tenement buildings, which have many obvious disadvantages. It is rather for the provision of a number of separate self-contained dwellings. But, instead of these being laid along the ground level, they will be piled one above the other. The bedrooms of each dwelling are to be on the floor above the living-room, with internal stairs. There will thus be no common corridor on the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth floors of the dwelling. The sleeping accommodation will thus be secure from outside interference.

Manufacturers of lifts should be specially interested in the proposal that there shall be three central lifts. Each one of these will give access to the whole of the dwellings on the third and higher floors. The estimate made in 1919 by the Local Government Board of the cost of a lift being £350 to £400 per annum has, however, proved to be too low. Although there are in existence automatic lifts that are regarded as being both fool-proof and knaveproof, it is proposed at Stepney that the lifts shall always be in the charge of an attendant. There is to be a central double lift designed for safety, capacity, and economy, and large enough to carry not less than 40 to 50 persons each journey. Two other lifts would also be available, but these would be smaller. These three centralised lifts would, it is thought, provide for the reasonable necessities of 600 families.

It has been argued in some quarters that tenants in the East End of London prefer staircases. Actual experience on experimental lifts at the Tabard estate in Bermondsey proves the contrary. The lifts, too, at the Wapping station on the East London Railway are invariably used in preference to stairs.

There are many other aspects of this novel housing plan. From the commercial point of view the scheme deserves the attention of British engineers as well as of architects.

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